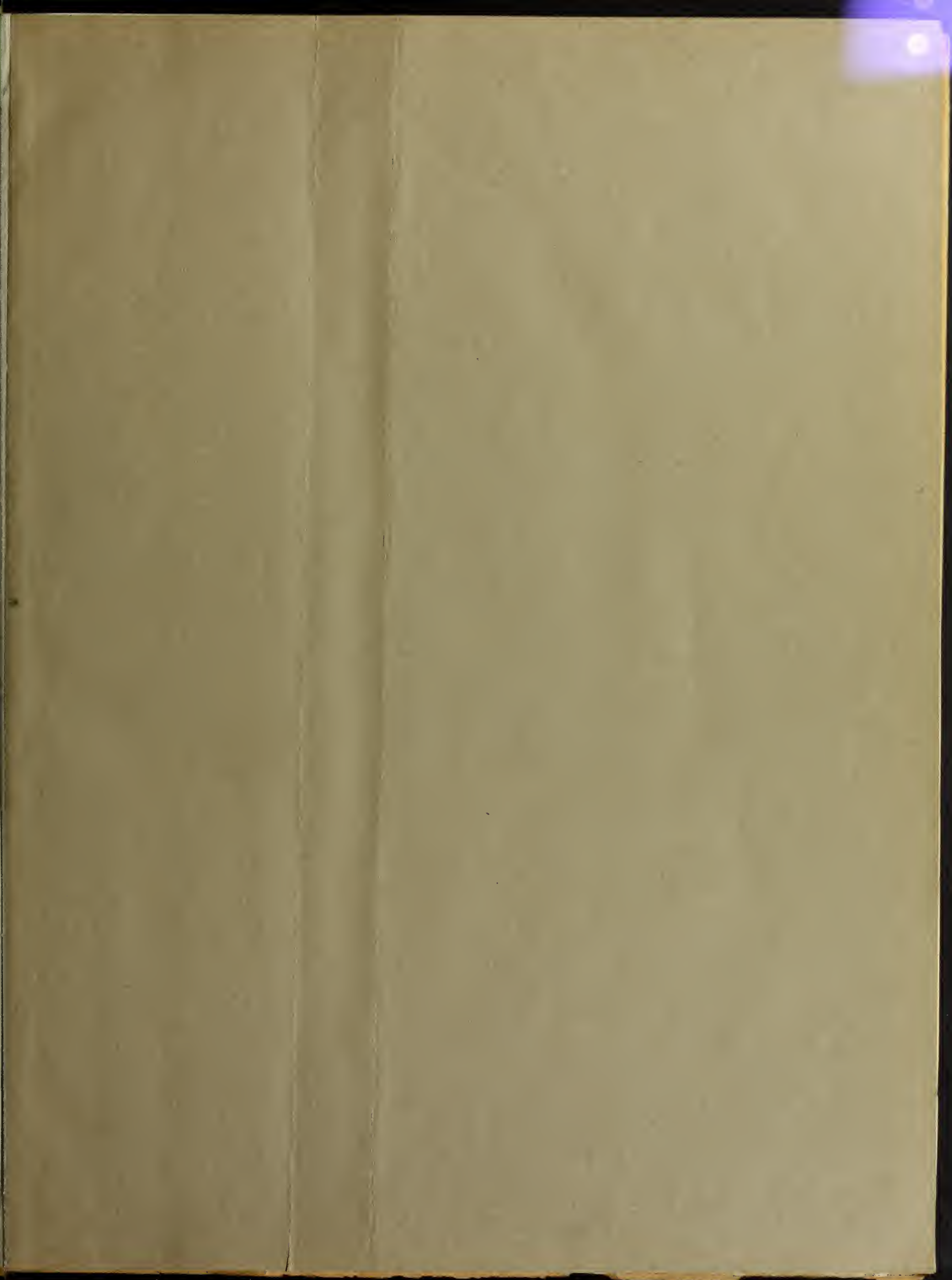


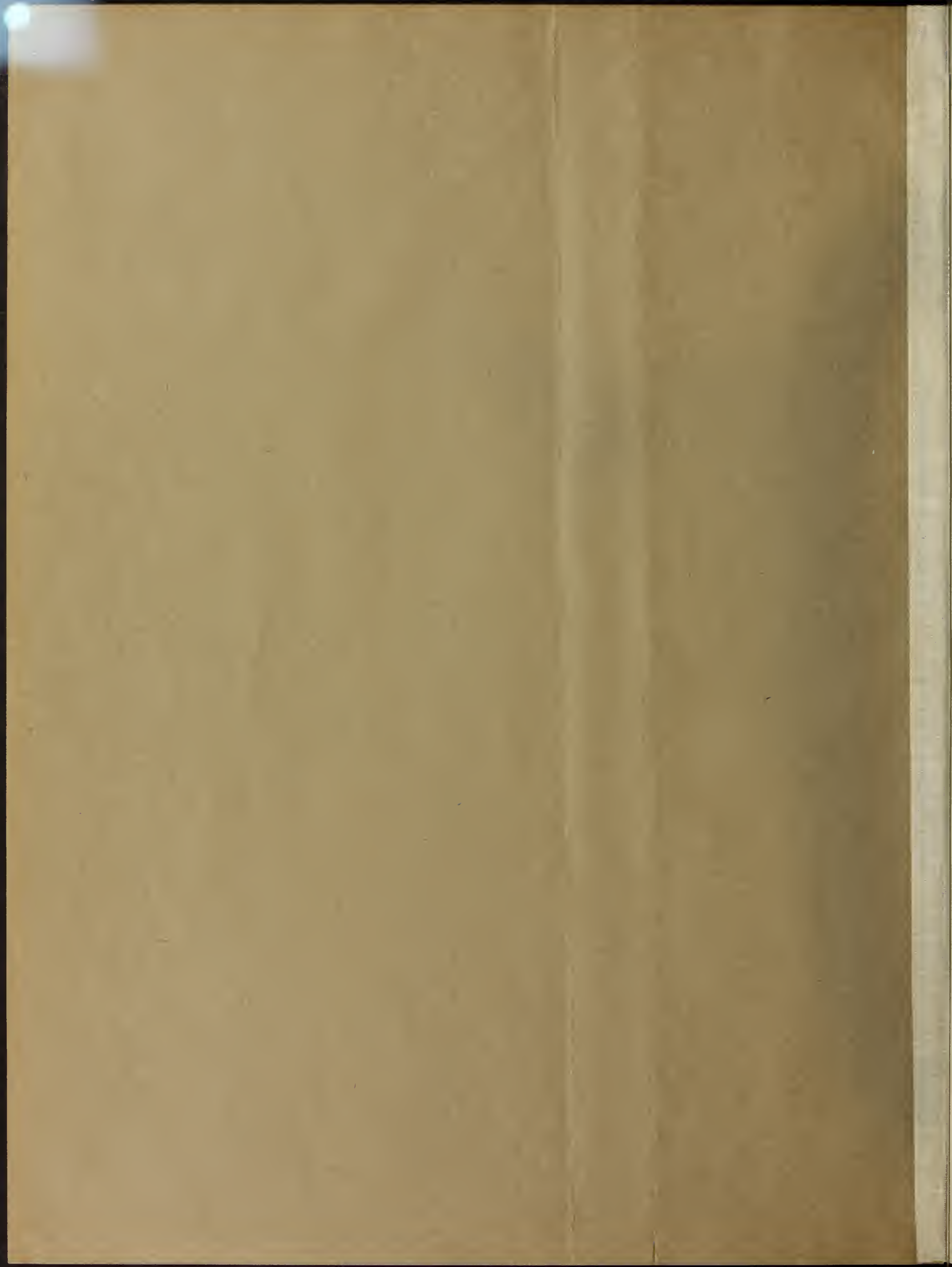


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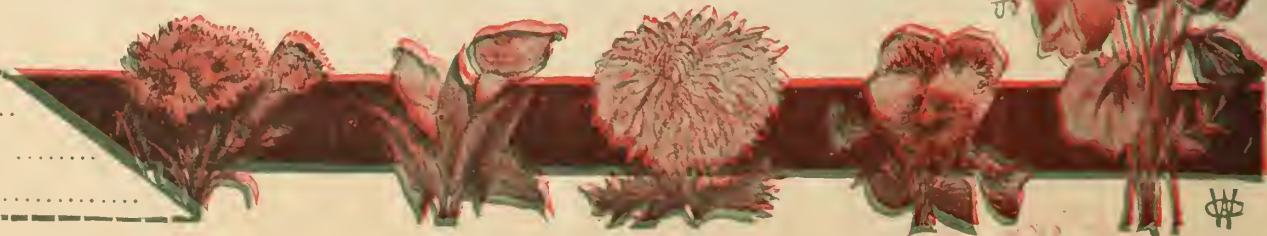
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## Publisher's Announcement

It is with great satisfaction that we announce arrangements by which Mr. James Coursen Bartholf, Editor, Author and Lecturer, becomes Editor-in-Chief of Vick's Magazine.

Mr. Bartholf is a man of wide experience and scholarly attainments but these are but the least of his many qualifications for this important work. He is a man of splendid qualities of heart and head, with lofty ideals, breadth of vision, and infinite resource for attainment. He sees without stopping to notice the weaknesses of men. But he sees more. He sees the possibilities for good in every human being and instead of condemning the shortcomings, he makes the better things so attractive that we forget the sordid and seek the better part.

Mr. Bartholf is a son of the soil and a man of the people. Born and raised in the country, he knows the life of the people whom we have called him to serve. He knows the trials and obstacles that are met in the ordinary pursuits of life. He is therefore eminently qualified to assist in the practical affairs of life. The work which now opens up to Mr. Bartholf, is the one for which he is best fitted, and we feel confident that the readers of VICK'S MAGAZINE will be large gainers by his becoming its editor.

This new arrangement is but preliminary to a great forward movement and improvement of this publication. The quality of paper used, the art work, and the mechanical production are to be greatly improved, that all may be in harmony with the improved editorial quality of the magazine. We have asked Mr. Bartholf to outline his editorial policy and we print his reply herewith.

THE VICK PUBLISHING COMPANY.

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Gentlemen: Replying to your letter of recent date offering me the editorship of VICK'S MAGAZINE, permit me to say that I have given the subject very careful consideration before arriving at a definite decision. I greatly appreciate the honor conferred by the offer tendered me by you and feel that its acceptance will bring me both a splendid opportunity for service and a grave responsibility as well, to you as also to our readers. I deem it fitting to make a statement as to what, in my judgment, should be the general editorial policy of this magazine. I feel that it should be so edited as to have an individuality all its own. The spirit and character of the good man by whom it was founded, James Vick, should permeate every issue and the exceeding value of the civilizing and humanizing industry with which his name is inseparably connected, should be constantly kept in view. The influence for good of floral and plant culture upon the home life of the nation cannot be overestimated. Hence the floral and plant flavor should pervade the pages of this publication, but it should be strictly a flavor and not the substance. Flowers and plants are the most beautiful things we know in the whole realm of Nature, also the most useful, but they are chiefly interesting only as they are related to human need, welfare, and happiness. Truly, flowers are for folks and folks are not in this world for the sake of the flowers. Beyond all question, the most beautiful flowers in the garden of the Lord are those that grow on human plants—the graces of a well developed body, a cultured mind, and a noble heart.

The chief aim of this magazine should be, therefore, as it appears to me, to show how these graces of human nature may best be cultivated, not by preaching, prating, or long-drawn-out moralizing, but by giving in cheery and breezy narrative, story, or verse, interesting exhibits of good things that have been or may be done in the cultivation of these most desirable graces. In the work of attaining this aim our method should be positive, not negative. Hence we should devote but little attention, comparatively, to pointing out and enlarging upon the weaknesses, shortcomings, foibles, and

frailties of mankind, but rather seek first and foremost to foster the development of a constantly increasing number of human plants that shall bear an abundance of beautiful flowers and good fruit, by magnifying the good wherever found.

We all know that the largest room in the world is the room for improvement, but it is not the highest form of usefulness, either for an individual or a magazine, to devote his or its energy principally to calling attention to its many hideous proportions nor constantly to pointing out the ugly pictures upon its walls, but rather to the pleasanter and more helpful task of making plain how the hideousness is steadily being eliminated and is itself assuming more befitting proportions; how more pleasing pictures are one by one being placed upon the wall; how truly attractive and artistic these new pictures are. Holding to this view of what should be the policy of this publication, it will be my constant effort to secure such carefully selected matter for Vick's Magazine as shall make it a potent influence in the world, making for constructive betterment for the benefit both of the individual, the home, and society as a whole. I firmly believe that we can appeal to the intelligent reading public upon this platform with the utmost confidence.

So far as my observation goes, there is no other magazine of large circulation that is being conducted in harmony with the policy herein set forth. This being true, we will have a most inviting and large field quite to ourselves,—one specially attractive for the reason that the great average of people are firm believers in the gospel of the positive, the progressive, and the constructive. They are not admirers of Lot's wife nor are they, like her, constantly looking backward, but forward, onward, and upward toward the heights. If we make our magazine the representative of this splendid "average of the people," an exponent of the cardinal principles of their faith, and make it ring true to the highest human welfare, we will never lack for an enthusiastic and rapidly growing constituency.

Every movement, every organization, every institution, and every individual doing something definite and positive for the promotion of human welfare should find in VICK'S MAGAZINE a true friend and supporter in the good work being done. Every succeeding number should be permeated by some vital theme and set forth, in the most attractive manner possible, the history and development of some kind of noble endeavor that is making for human welfare and the increase of world happiness. In keeping with this thought the April number will be the Sunshine number and that most delightful quality will pervade every page. A leading feature will be an article showing the wonderful growth and splendid achievements of the International Sunshine Society. Other Sunshine features of unusual attractiveness will characterize the April number. In like manner, it would be eminently desirable to make the May Vick's an Arbor Day and Forestry Number, which will make it replete with intensest interest to America's splendid army of teachers and pupils. Such a number would not only be in keeping with the spirit and purpose of the magazine's founder but also in harmony with the entire career and genius of this publication. Later we could get out other special numbers, such as: "The City Beautiful," "Good Roads," "Irrigation," "Land Drainage," "The Railroad Beautiful," "Human Welfare in Railroading," "Human Welfare in Industry," "Woman's Welfare," "Children's Welfare," "Educational Welfare." All these could be so handled as to be the means of securing much new business and winning the friendship and loyal support of the very best people who live on the American continent.

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# How Women Beautify Themselves

## Some Secrets Worth Knowing

By JULIA M. WAKELY

Here is a letter I received among a large bundle of others and as it voices some of the worries that are brought to my attention in nearly every mail, I will give it to my readers bodily, only reserving the writer's name.

Hartford, Conn., February 9th, 1908

Dear Miss Wakeley:—

I am unhappy and you certainly did strike the right chord when you asked what woman can face the realization that she is less lovely than yesterday and is happy."

There is one thing that has been worrying me for some time past, and perhaps with your extended experience in these matters you may be able and willing to help me. At any rate, I am taking the liberty of asking these questions because they are of vital importance to me.

I am a young married woman twenty five years of age—my general health is apparently good, I have a loving husband and two sweet children, a little girl of five and my baby boy of nearly three. Since weaning the latter, I have noticed that I have become thinner and lost to some extent the contour of a figure of which I have heretofore been very proud. I sort of droop and just can't seem to recover that fulness of bust, neck, face and limbs that were formerly mine. And the worst of it all is that this condition does not improve with time as I had hoped it would and I have tried every remedy that I can think of but without success. All that I have succeeded in accomplishing is in putting worry lines on my brow and about my eyes and mouth.

Now, dear Miss Wakeley, I am too young a woman to show these age signs and the one thing that worries me most is that I am sure my husband and friends notice the great change in me. I am unhappy because I am less attractive to those dearest to me and I dread to think of it. I do not want to seem vain or selfish, but I will be very grateful to you if you can tell me how I can recover what I have lost.

Thanking you in advance for the kind and encouraging words which I feel certain you will say to me, I remain,

Sincerely,

K. .... M. C. ....

P. S. I have just been reading what you said about worrying, and I have taken your advice to the extent of going to my mirror and consulting it and I quite agree with you that it is a good thing to see for ourselves just how our feelings are reflected in our faces. I caught an expression on my face that I would not care to have the loved ones see. And do you really think that I can improve my appearance by cultivating a happy, pleased expression?

I have selected this one particular letter and have given it to my women friends for several reasons—the first one being because it so well expresses by the pen of a woman of refinement, a mother and a wife, the one paramount desire that is in the hearts of all of us. Another reason is, that I believe by taking the time and space in answering it through these columns I will be able to do the greatest amount of good to the greatest number of my women friends who honor me with their confidences. This letter is not an exception to the many I receive, but on the other hand it is similar to many another.

There is much feeling expressed in it that appeals to me.

It shows that one little woman, at least, did realize that her happiness and comeliness go hand in hand. There is much to be read between the lines that you will read as well as I. She was not prompted by vanity, but by an earnest desire to hold the admiration and affection of those dearest to her. This is Nature's one great law, that we preserve and try to bring ourselves up to the highest standard of physical perfection. It is a law of the selection of the fittest that no woman can afford to pass over too lightly.

A lovely woman or a beautiful child possess a fascination that cannot be denied and it is little wonder that every woman craves as her own her right and title to a heritage of beauty. And while perfect beauty of face and form are not essential to an attractive woman (and many of our most fascinating women can lay no claim to real beauty), still it is a powerful lever.

### Massage as a Developer

And now for a practical way of overcoming some difficulties that at first seem almost insurmountable. I am a firm believer of massaging for the removal of all facial blemishes and for the development of the body. I know of numerous instances where matrons of forty and more, have by its aid preserved their pre-

fect maturity and rivalled the attractiveness of their daughters of eighteen. No woman need appear old before her allotted time, for premature ageing caused by worry or ill-health can be checked and the freshness of youth restored.

Care, however, should be used in the treatments given, and as the majority of women cannot afford to expend the time and money required for professional treatment, I will outline here a few things to be remembered and practiced.

### The First Step

The first and most important thing to consider is the general health. If you are troubled with a stomach or nervous disorder, or any disease that is wasting the tissue and blood supply, your first step should be to correct it. Many times it can be done with some simple remedy, of which there are numerous that have real merit and may be had at a very small expenditure. If this does not avail, confide in your physician.

Cleanliness is the next important thing to be remembered. It is not sufficient that the body should be lightly gone over, but care should be used to remove from the thousands of little mouths (the pores of the skin) the matter that clogs them and prevents their performing their duty of clearing the system of its impurities. For this purpose a good quality of soap should

be selected and used liberally with warm water, and if the bath is taken for the purpose of preparing the skin for massaging the water should be as hot as can be used. Next, rinse off the soap thoroughly, using cold water, or if you are delicate, it should be used tepid at first and a little colder on succeeding days until you can bear it quite cold. Apply the rinse water with a spitting of the palms to stimulate the skin and bring the blood to the surface. Next, stand perfectly erect, fill the lungs to their fullest capacity with air and proceed to dry yourself vigorously with a coarse towel.

The woman who wants to develop her chest and acquire the glow of youth must inhale all of the fresh air she can, and whenever she thinks of it she should straighten up and take a deep breath, letting the air escape from the lungs slowly.

### Massage with a Flesh Food

The skin now being in the proper condition for massage treatment, a reliable flesh building preparation should be applied. It should be a food, intelligently prepared by a physician who understands the requirements of impoverished tissue. A cold cream will not be of any benefit for this purpose, and especially the disappearing kind which in reality glazes the skin, giving it a soft velvety feeling but in so doing simply closes the pores. What is needed is a food to nourish and stimulate the skin proper and the underlying tissue which contains thousands of tiny vesicles that are in reality the fat reservoirs that Nature has provided to retain the nourishment that the flesh and skin require to keep them in a healthy condition.

I have used one that I know can be relied upon to do this, and I freely recommend it to all who wish to develop and make plump their cheeks, neck, arms, shoulders and bust. It is the Dr. Charles Flesh Food, prepared by the Dr. Charles Company, whose address is Dept. V, Dutch and Fulton streets, New York City. They will send you two regular size boxes of it by mail and in a plain scaled wrapper upon receipt of one dollar, and they will also send you their valuable little book, "Art of Massage" which gives a series of practical lessons on just how to massage at home to get the best results. They make everything so clear to you in this little book that I advise you each and every one to secure a copy and read it.

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## A DISPENSER OF SUNSHINE



**N**O ONE well-posted in the present status of newspaperdom will seriously dispute the statement that Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden is the most prominent newspaper woman of America. Her eminence in this regard is fully attested by these facts; that she has been editor of the Woman's Page, of the New York Tribune, a department editor of the New York Herald, The Ladies' Home Journal, and other leading publications; that she is the only woman to serve on the official Board of the International League of Press Clubs, and that she was selected by the press women of the United States to represent them at the International Woman's Council at London.

Mrs. Alden was born at Afton, Iowa, May 31, 1862, and was the daughter of Oliver S. and Lucinda (Lewis) Westover. Her father was the well known mineralogist and temperance advocate, Professor O. S. Westover of San Francisco, who was a descendant of the Westovers who emigrated from Holland to Virginia in 1600. On the maternal side she is connected with the Welsh Lewis family, of which Francis Lewis, the signer of the Declaration of Independence, was a member. When a child only four years old, her mother died. Thus bereaved of a mother's priceless love, the little one clung the closer to her father. His duties as a mineralogist called him to the wilds of the far West. He had thought to leave his little daughter with friends in the East, but with an independence of judgment, which has characterized her mature years, she vigorously dissented from the program proposed by her paternal progenitor, positively pronouncing her imperial purpose in childish parlance thus: "I's doin' wiv my papa's tachel." Then, as in life's struggles later, she won the day, the father gracefully yielding.

For years he was traveling through the West, being engaged in geological and mineralogical work in Colorado and other Western states. During all these years little Cynthia was his constant companion and comfort, becoming also a general favorite with cowboys, mining men, and other adventurous spirits living in the then "wild and woolly West." The rough and ready, but brave and chivalrous, denizens of the plains and mining camps came to entertain an ardent affection for "Bushy," as she was familiarly called on account of her then thick and bushy head of hair. A most gratifying evidence of the enduring character of these child-day friendships was afforded Mrs. Alden when she was in Denver a few years since attending the meeting of the Federated Woman's clubs. On that occasion she was overwhelmed with callers, telephone-messages, telegrams from early morning until night from her old time friends, the miners and cowboys, who had heard of her presence in the city.

In her early days she had two most excellent teachers, Dame Nature as manifested in the wide-spreading plains and the rugged and jagged, high, up-rearing mountains, and her father, who gave constant and loving attention to her education. Without disparagement to the latter it might be difficult to say which were the better teacher. What ever might be the decision, no doubt much of her strength of character and marked individuality is due to her early associations with the stern realities, grandeurs, sublimities, and immensities of the Rocky Mountain region. She grew up a veritable child of nature, her only playmate being her four-footed friends. She learned to ride a horse like an Indian, became a good shot with a rifle, carried a Colt revolver in her belt, which in shooting she always held across her left arm; became expert with the lasso, and could also shoot with the Indian bow and arrow. The many thrilling adventures that she experienced during this formative period of her career are recorded in a book entitled "Bushy, or Child Life in the Far West," (1896.) It is an autobiographical story full of life, vigor and movement which the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" characterized as "a prodigy of feminine courage."

Her first experience within the four walls of an ordinary school room was at Central City, Col. It may be easily imagined how tiresome and irksome to her were the restraints there enforced. She at length be-



came reconciled to her new environment, and made remarkable progress in her studies.

She afterwards attended the Denver public schools and not only passed with credit through a regular high-school course, but was graduated with high honors from the Colorado state university at Boulder, being a member of the first class to be graduated therefrom.

From there she went to the Denver Business College. Possessing an insatiable thirst for knowledge, and a strong desire to be constantly doing something, she determined to learn a trade, and at the end of the term entered the employ of a tentmaker in Denver, where in time she became superintendent of the factory. She had previously secured a teacher's certificate, but had no particular desire to teach until she heard of a certain school in Colorado whose boys were so unruly that no teacher could govern them. She at once applied for that particular position, and proved herself fully equal to the situation as she has since done in all her varied undertakings. The incorrigibles at once began planning a definite campaign against the new "school ma'am." But to their sorrow they learned the truth of Burns' lines:

"The best-laid schemes o' mice and men," (and school boys too)

"Gang oft 'a gley,  
And leave us nought but grief and pain  
For promised joy."

They undertook to sew her up in a sheet, as they had treated her predecessors; but her early training in boxing, fencing, and wrestling served her, and she thrashed the leader, a bully larger than herself. His father, the most dangerous man in the valley, sent her a threatening message, and she returned answer that she was ready to treat him exactly as she had treated his son. It pleased him, and he said: "That school-ma'am is a — fine woman." "Oh," she added, as she related the occurrence, "it might have turned out differently; but often it is not being afraid of trouble that conquers trouble."

After her graduation, though not specially gifted in a musical line, she determined to become a musician and singer, and by virtue of her indomitable will, dogged perseverance, and persistent application, accomplished her purpose. Evidence of her triumph is afforded by the fact that she afterward occupied the position of soprano at St. Michael's church of Jersey City and of the double choir of St. Thomas' in New York.

She became the understudy for the leading soprano at the Academy of Music, and received a number of offers to go on the opera stage, but having acquired

CYNTHIA WESTOVER ALDEN

BY THE EDITOR



that accomplishment she was ready for another, and turned to the study of languages. She made her home with non-English speaking families and in this way she speedily acquired a number of foreign tongues. Mrs. Alden had been in the habit of testing her knowledge by taking examinations for various positions as the opportunity arose, and one day she was notified that from the civil service examination taken almost a year before she stood first on a list of 200, and had been appointed to fill a vacancy as United States customs inspectress in the year 1887. She eagerly accepted this opportunity for further increasing her experience, and before long she was acting as interpreter on the Spanish, French, German, and Italian steamships. She held this important position under Surveyor H. S. Beatie, of the port of New York, and later when Mr. Beatie became commissioner of street cleaning, she resigned her position at the custom house to become his private secretary. Her superior executive ability and wonderful tact, added to her knowledge of several languages, proved of immense advantage to the department. During her service in this position she became known as the "poor man's friend" from her interest in, and friendliness to, the street cleaners of various nationalities, to whom she spoke in their own language. While here Mrs. Alden invented and patented a dump cart with movable body, which, by means of a derrick which lifted the body of the cart when filled, did away with the "hill horse." She also originated the small carts used by street cleaners to collect the dirt piles accumulated after the regular daily cleaning, which was afterwards improved and is now seen in all the larger cities as a necessary part of the street cleaning equipment. After her successful career in this position, she became the superintendent of a candy factory, and subsequently was employed in the American Museum of Natural History cataloging books and minerals. Meanwhile she carried on a line of successful literary work. Thereafter she followed the natural bent of mind and heart and devoted her time and talents to literary and philanthropic endeavor. In her early literary work she wrote and illustrated her productions, proving herself an expert in both these lines.

In 1895 she became editor of the woman's page of the New York "Recorder," and subsequently was connected in an editorial capacity with the New York "Tribune," the New York "Herald," and the "Ladies' Home Journal." In addition to her book "Bushy" previously mentioned she wrote a history of Greater New York, "Manhattan Historic and Artistic" (1892), and "Woman's Ways of Earning Money" (1904). In 1906 she received the degree of master of literature from Alfred University, a degree that few of the prominent presswomen possess. With all her accomplishments, however, Mrs. Alden will be best remembered by her founding of the International Sunshine Society in 1896, a simple organization requiring merely that each member shall agree to do one kind act during each year. There are no initiation fees or dues for its members; no salaries for its officers, and no way for any officer to be benefited financially. The work is done by all for the good of the cause and the love of mankind. The society's influence is spreading all over the civilized world; the membership is over 100,000, and the work it is doing surely is one of the greatest factors in the softening and beautifying of life and the advancement of human welfare.

As President-general of the Sunshine society, Mrs. Alden, through her "Sunshine" articles in several hundred papers, probably is better known, reaches more hearts, and interests more people in philanthropic and educational work than any other woman in the world. She was married Aug. 15, 1896, to John Alden, one of the editors of the "Brooklyn Eagle" and a nephew of Henry Mills Alden, for many years associated with "Harper's Magazine."

The readers of Vick's Magazine have a rare treat in store as the writer hereof has arranged with Mrs. Alden for an illustrated article for the April number, setting forth the genesis, growth, and splendid human-welfare work being accomplished by the International Sunshine Society, of which she is the president-general.



# THE SCHOOL BEAUTIFUL



Public School No. 153, The Bronx, Greater New York



New High School, Pomona, Cal.

## A Social Center

By Matilda Miller

**E**ARLY in February of each year, committees of pupils are appointed and work assigned to each. Some preparation for this work has been given in the Nature lessons which are a part of our Course, and which are given throughout the entire year.

These committees make plans for the decoration of the school-grounds and also plans for enlisting the support of the patrons of the ward. Blank forms are sent to each residence for the signature of the patron. These forms are pledges to keep the boulevards neat and free from paper and refuse; to set out trees and care for them; and to keep all back yards neat and sightly. After the signatures are obtained, a committee of pupils has this matter in charge. Its duties are to inspect the ward from time to time, and to see that the pledges are kept. In this line of the work we have met with a ready response from the patrons.

The committees who have charge of the school-grounds select their seeds and plants and have all their plans matured so that they may begin work as soon as the season will permit. About the middle of April, the annuals are planted in boxes—such annuals as alyssum, star phlox, nasturtiums, and sweet peas, the last of which we have had great success in transplanting. The young seedlings are transplanted as soon as they safely can be into other boxes, and this is done several times, thus insuring strong, thrifty plants by the time the season permits their being put into the beds prepared for them.

By the latter part of April, work is begun out of doors. In this a definite plan is followed. Of course this plan is varied in the case of the annuals for each year. But our regular landscape scheme is as follows:—A sod border, six feet wide, just inside of a tile walk, around the entire building. Outside of this tile walk is our sod boulevard, also six feet wide. In both of these we have planted rows of elms and maples and they have made a thrifty three years' growth. Inside of this sod border, we have an ornamental wire fence. Vines have been planted all along this fence and also around the entire building, thus forming a background of green. We have bitter-sweet, Virginia creeper, Boston ivy, grape-vines and hop-vines and we have been eminently successful with them. Besides these vines, we also have wild cucumber vines and sweet peas to ornament our fence.

In the center of each section of the grounds is a sodded flower-bed. We vary the plants in each bed with each season. One, however, which is on the shady side of the building, we have filled with maiden-hair ferns, around which we plant each season a border of alyssum. In others we have scarlet salvia with borders of alyssum; in others star phlox which we find very satisfactory for the grounds, not only on account of the brilliant colors, but also because it blossoms so freely.

Around the entire building, we have a border two feet wide for annuals and perennials. On the outer edge of this border we have alyssum, with scarlet geraniums, scarlet salvia, marguerites, pansies and hollyhocks just back of it. Then we have clumps of golden-rod, perennial phlox, lilies of the valley in a shady corner, forget-me-nots, lemon lilies, lavender lilies, and lilacs.

On the north side of the building, we have reserved our border for our wildwood corner, and on this is lavished our most elaborate care and painstaking effort. We have over eighty specimens of our native plants in this wildwood corner, and the pleasure the pupils have had in obtaining these specimens and becoming familiar with them, and the knowledge of botany they have gained, would alone have amply repaid us for the effort. But besides all this, we have

added materially to our landscape effect. In this "wildwood corner," we have the Rosa Blanda, the sumac, and the silky cornel in the way of shrubs; then we have jack-in-the-pulpits, marsh marigolds, golden-rod, the New England aster, the cone-flower, the wind and the rue anemones, the creeping-crowfoot, the wind violet, the bird's foot and the dog-tooth violets, the clintonia, the dicentra, the brake, the cinnamon fern, and the maiden-hair fern.

We expect to add to this list many new specimens the coming season. Our season's work has already begun, and the pupils are looking forward eagerly to their pleasant work in the school garden.

## School Gardens

By H. D. Hemenway

The school garden movement began nearly ninety years ago, but it has developed most rapidly during the past thirty-five or forty years. Its principal growth has been in European countries, where there are today over one hundred thousand gardens. In this country the movement was of later origin and has not yet developed to the proportion that it has in Europe. There are today, however, hundreds of school gardens in America, such as are best suited to our conditions.

One of the original motives of the school garden connected with the European school was to furnish an additional income to the teacher, as well as to serve an educational purpose.

The object of the school garden is not to make farmers and gardeners any more than our manual training department of our public schools is to make carpenters and mechanics, but it is to educate and make nobler men and women. The fundamental idea in establishing gardens in America is generally to better educate the child.

We have the school garden, the garden school, and the home garden associations, but the object of each is to make better citizens, to make stronger, nobler men and women from the boys and girls. No argument is needed to convince any one who has ever seen the working of a successful school garden, that its principal crop is the making of better citizens.

There are three things which fix a man's value in the world: his knowledge, or what he knows; his ability, or what he can do; his character, or what he is. The school should certainly aid in developing all of these. There is no other one thing connected with any school system that will better develop all three than the school garden. It takes away the drudgery of the school room, furnishes an opportunity for the motor activities of the child, brings him out into the pure air and sunshine, creates in him a love of nature and of things beautiful, teaches him to work with his hands as well as his head and to work with both together, and brings him into loving contact with nature, refining and ennobling his character. The garden furnishes a means for the practical application of mathematics, makes geography more interesting, furnishes a subject for the English classes, for the language classes and furnishes material for the drawing and painting lessons. In fact, the garden can be correlated with every subject taught in the class room.

With one period a day in the garden the child develops a physical strength which enables it to combat diseases. The exercise in the pure open air, besides developing the physical system, also makes the mind more keen, quicker to grasp ideas and put these ideas into action. Where gardens have been conducted several years, it is found that the boys having gardens were thirty per cent more rapid than those who did not have them.

As the public school is educating our future citizens it should help to develop moral character. In Dayton, Ohio, the factory district or the district about the National Cash Register Company, was so un-

popular that building lots sold from \$200 to \$300 apiece, and the boys in the vicinity were known as the "Slidertown toughs." After the establishment of gardens, instead of being a class of stealing boys they were entirely cured and building lots sold from nine to fifteen hundred dollars apiece. One of the principal reasons why boys do not respect the rights of others, is because they never had any property themselves. After they have had a garden and have the responsibility of taking care of it, they begin to respect the rights of others in the gardens, and this moral sense gradually grows upon them until they come to be equally regardful of property rights in all other things as well.

The influence of the school garden does not stop with the boy or girl at the school. What is learned at school is remembered and the children go home and clean up the back yards, which are often unsightly, unsanitary, and unproductive, and these yards become a resort of health, of beauty, and of productiveness for the entire family. The boys are kept off the street corners. They have something to occupy their minds during the long summer vacations, and they learn something of industry. The garden educates because it deals with things and not with words, it cultivates the boy's observation and keeps his senses keen.

There is another reason why the school gardens should be established for the education of boys and girls, to better enable them to support themselves and those dependent upon them and to be better citizens. With this in view the state appropriates the fund for carrying on the public schools. When we consider that fifty-five per cent of our exports are products from the farm and that nearly one-half of our population gets a living from the land, we are amazed that our educators have waited so long before teaching something of elementary agriculture in our public schools. When no more than ninety-eight per cent of the children ever obtain an education higher than the graded schools, it is evident that they should be taught in them enough to become useful as well as intelligent citizens.

School garden training in rural sections develops the head, the heart, and the hand, and also stimulates the knowledge of reading, writing, and arithmetic; it gives the child as good, or better, mental training as do some of the subjects usually taught in the class room, and at the same time imparts knowledge of the common things of life which will help the country boy or girl to better understand the things about them, and to better till the the soil. It will be a means of checking the human stream flowing to the already overcrowded cities. In the city it creates a love for nature and gives a tendency to want to go back to the land and to get a living from the soil; it also promotes the sanitary and civic welfare of the city, and the children become healthier and the city becomes more beautiful.

Many times the products that are raised in the gardens are quite an item, especially to the poorer families. But it is not what the pupils have raised that is of the greatest value to them, but rather the practice in measuring, in watching for the things to come up, in learning to observe what they look at and to understand something of what they see, the growing love for Nature and things beautiful, learning habits of industry, being pleasantly occupied at something worth while, and the physical development in the pure open air; these are some of the things which are of far greater importance than the garden produce, both to the children and to the State. The practical Nature Study is of fundamental importance to the boys and girls of today. Learning habits of close observation and coming into loving contact with Nature and with Nature's God cannot help but make boys and girls stronger, more intelligent, and nobler citizens. That is what the school garden does where it is carefully, prudently, and intelligently conducted.



## The Country School House and Its Environs

By Prof. Frank William Howe  
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When a new school house is to be built in a rural district, it is too often the case that it is located where the cheapest spot of ground can be had. A quarter of an acre of ground might raise four or five bushels of wheat a year, which might sell for three or four dollars. It appears to some a question whether such valuable property should be devoted to the use of children. To such it seems much cheaper to plant the schoolhouse in a swamp, on a sandhill, or a treeless waste. But it should be remembered that an attractive schoolground will do much more than a wheat crop to keep the child on the farm. In many a country child there is born an antipathy to the farm life before he is old enough to reason the subject. The surroundings of the child are much more potent than is generally supposed in fixing his ideals of life. The boy or girl whose school environment is beautiful and harmonious will not be beset by a longing to go to the cities or elsewhere out of contact with the charm of nature.

Not only should the location of the schoolhouse be pleasant and inspiring, but the building itself should harmonize with the child's love of the beautiful. The ordinary country schoolhouse in years gone by has been little more than a box.

Intelligent managers of the most progressive railway companies are more and more building truly beautiful stations and surrounding them with artistically laid out parks with flower beds, vines, shrubs, trees, etc., even though they may accommodate no more people than with ugly structures and unkempt grounds. The great transportation companies would not make large expenditures for such purposes if they did not find it profitable to do so. Such being true, will it not pay the people of every school district to adopt a similar policy with reference to their school and its environs? Indeed, how much more should it be considered important to provide attractive conditions during that period in the lives of our children when they are the most impressive and responsive to the influence of environment.

When the sanitary, artistic, and moral possibilities of such an improvement can be once understood by the patrons of a school, the whole neighborhood can be enlisted to bring about the change.

The teacher must usually take the initiative in improving the surroundings of the school building. It may often be necessary to develop the sentiment of the community in favor of betterment before he can secure sufficient co-operation. But in every neighborhood there are a few persons whose influence may be effectively enlisted. When these few are sufficiently interested, a "bee" may be organized for improving the school grounds. One man will repair the fence, or remove it if not needed; another will plow the ground, if that is necessary; another will sow the seed for a new sod, and still others will bring trees and bushes for ornament and shade. The whole work may be done in a day, if properly planned. Most persons begin such work without a fundamental plan or picture of what is to be desired. They want to know about roses and lilacs, and how much space to leave between the shrubs and plots of flowers; and then put them in promiscuously or else with mathematical precision in any part of the school ground. The result of such aimless planting is stiff, artificial, and unpleasing.



Proposed Central High School, Pueblo, Colorado

First, then, have a definite plan. "Begin with the plan, not with the plants." And the plan should have reference to the proper uses of a school ground. The middle of the plot should be open, allowing room for the sports and exercises so necessary to good physical development in children. The side next to the highway should also be left open. The schoolhouse should be the center of a beautiful picture in landscape gardening.

Regard must be had not only to the picture which the house and grounds present to an observer from the outside, but also from the inside. "All schools should be located, as far as possible, where the eye will rest upon the things of nature instead of clusters of houses." Leave openings in your foliage plan wherever distant views can be had of fine old trees, hills, a lake, or a handsome farm house. Such influences as these appeal not only to the child's sense of proportion and beauty but minister also to the right development of his moral character.

Blessed is the boy or girl who is born in the country, or at least has the opportunity of learning the lessons of youth in a pleasant country schoolhouse. Duty may call older persons to the city, and the trained, devoted mind may find God in the city, too; but the ideal place for children is in closest contact with Nature. Yet the average country boy or girl is not always inspired with the highest ideals; it requires refined taste in parents and teacher and a love for the beautiful to make even natural advantages impressive and effective in character-making. These results do not come of themselves, but must be cultivated.

After the school ground has been properly platted and bordered with shade trees, attention should be given to ornamenting with shrubs and flowering plants; but nothing is more attractive than a strong-growing green sod on the areas not needed for playgrounds.

In the selection of shrubs and trees, only the most common should be planted, as they will be the most certain to live and thrive. The most ordinary shrubs and bushes when carefully placed in a school ground will give it a beauty that would delight the eye and heart of a city-bred boy or girl. Willows, witch-hazel, dogwood, sweetbriar, thorn-apple, elders, sumac, and many others may be found in almost any rural locality. Others can easily be added from the farmer's garden and orchard. Along the fences and the walls of outbuildings running vines may be used to excellent advantage.

The heart of child and man has been made responsive to the sweet influences of Nature and learns to

look through Nature up to the great Author of all Nature. Surround our children with an environment that is beautifying and uplifting, and we have furnished them with the strongest support and incentive to the highest mental and moral development.

## The Education of the Flower Garden

By App M. Smith

The need of flowers and shrubs around the home is more apparent in the education of the young people in all those branches of business in everyday avocations than most people realize. Note, for instance, the clumsiness and disordered condition of the first flower bed that the little child makes in her play garden. The rows run zig-zag, some plants are set shallow and some deep, and some seeds are planted out of the row and some in it. The lack of order and system is most pronounced

in every feature of the child garden. When the dry weather comes the plants are forgotten and are allowed to wither and die. Or, perchance, the watering of the plants is done, not when they need it but when the child takes a notion to engage in an hour's play with the sprinkling pot. All of these untrained tendencies need to be trained in order to form character. The rows in the garden must be made straight and regular, because in doing so the child's eye and hand receives the exercise that fits them for doing all other things in a straight and regular manner. The little ones must be taught that there is beauty in a straight and even row, and that plants to grow well need to be set out well—just deep enough and not too deep. System, order, thoroughness, doing things at the right time, and when they need to be done, strict attention to and care of all things under one's charge, are valuable lessons taught around the home that has its flower garden. The flower garden and the work therein in this way—in the training of the eye, the hand, and the thought—develops art, industry, symmetry of motion, thoroughness of doing and vigilance, alertness of action and rounds out the useful powers of the child, thus giving it an education that it gets nowhere else except in a thoroughly equipped manual training school. There is no field of industry, either in the field, the shop, the factory, the counting-room, the art studio, the professional life, or in the public service, that will not welcome the person who possesses the training secured in the well-kept flower garden. Let the little folks, therefore, have their garden, in the windows before the spring opens, and in the open air when the winter's cold has disappeared both at home and school.

Show them how to plant, how to till, and how to reap. All the faculties of the body and mind, as well as the finer impulses of the heart, are brought into play in the watching and tending of plant growing. The time will come when every school house will have its school garden because the exercise and training of all the faculties of the young cannot be secured so well in any other way.

All the earnestness, enthusiasm, and industry imaginable cannot make a bad business good.

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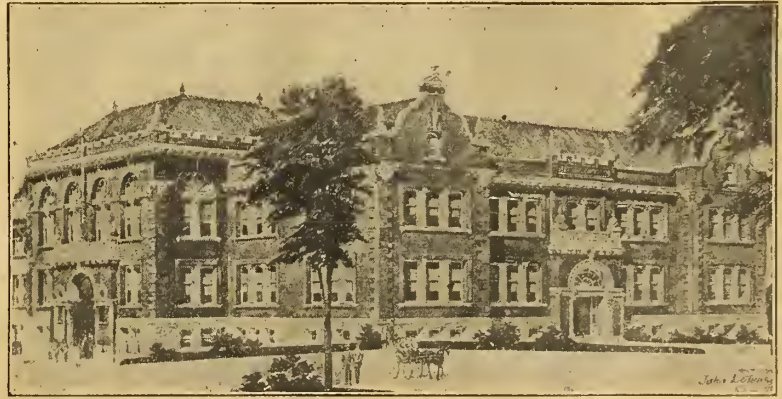
Nobler far than the victories of the sword are the triumphs and the trophies of the plowshare.

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Happy is he who knows something, but happier still he who knows what to do with what he knows.



Wyman School, St. Louis, Mo.



New High School, South Omaha, Nebr.





## OLD NOLES' AWAKENING

By FRANCIS EUGENIA BOLTON

**O**LD NOLES was sitting by the kitchen stove reading the country newspaper, as he usually did after chores and supper were over, yawning by spells, giving little gruff guffaws and grunts as comments.

Noles was a Northern Michigan farmer, raw-boned, weather-beaten, hard-worked, narrow-minded,—a man who had been obliged (at least he thought so) to give his time, muscle, and mind to grudging furrows, weakly cattle, and scanty crops. Of books, music, art, or religion he thought little. He had his spasms of patriotism and politics; but for other trivial things he had neither time nor inclination.

No one would ever have mistrusted that Noles had an affectionate nature, that lay deeply buried beneath the rubbish of false modesty, wrong theories, and a life-time of bad practices. His children were married and gone; and though mother often sighed for them, Noles seemed glad of it. Noles was temperate; he neither smoked, chewed, nor drank. He had the name of being as "tight as frost to the window-pane." There was a very good reason for this, in his mind, since he was determined to reach a certain figure of prosperity, cost what it would, and everything that bent toward that end was to be commended.

Noles had never spared himself. He seldom complained; but kept doggedly at work, early and late, rain or shine. The hard knots in his hands, the furrows in his face, told how hard the struggle was. He sighed often, and sometimes groaned, as if the strain of an unseen battle was upon him. But he did not ask for sympathy nor expect it. In fact, he resented anything like demonstrative tenderness. It was enough to find his socks darned, his shirt clean, his buttons on, his coat brushed, his home neat, his meals on time and tasty, the fire burning brightly, the lamps shining, and the eggs and butter unfailingly ready for market. He was dumbly conscious of the tenderness that gave touches, pathetic in effort, to make some thing out of nothing, to his meagerly furnished farmhouse. But he drew the line there. He couldn't abide scenes. He didn't want Susanna to "go to acting like a fool."

He had been a "fool" once in his courting days; but it didn't take long to cure him of "spooning"; and after a few spells of crying and "takin' on," Susanna had drawn into her shell all the little offending tendrils of affection, and settled down to live "so, so, hum drum, and drudge, drudge." She had her own thoughts about it all that often sent her into her closet to weep alone, and then to pray, and at last to become pathetically used to it, and to expect nothing better. She was observant enough to see that hers was the common lot of far too many farmers' wives. Shannon's wife was the only exception. Shannon never got over being a lover; and though Noles and he were about of an age, he still called his wife "rosebud," "lily," and "flower," and was just as much of a "fool" in his sixties as he had been in his twenties. Well, once, Shannon had been in love with Susanna. Old Noles thought of this as he slowly read over an advertisement of a certain paper that asked for the confirmation or disapproval of the following statements: "The farmer's wife is the hardest-worked, poorest-paid, meanest-dressed, poorest-privileged, least-loved woman in her home, in all the occupations and trades."

Noles dropped the paper in sheer astonishment and looked up at "mother" with startled eyes. For once, his imagination got the better of him, and she seemed to sit in contrast with the world of women, and especially in contrast with Shannon's wife.

Mother sat by the lamp, just as she had sat for forty years of an evening. Noles looked at her,—a poor, withered, little, old woman, with thin gray hair, screwed back into a little tight knot behind her wrinkled face; dim eyes, that peered through a pair of

cheap, steel-bowed glasses (Shannon's wife had gold-bowed spectacles); bowed form; poor hands, misshapen by hard work and rheumatism, that were diligently knitting at a stocking for his foot. She did not notice his gaze; but kept steadily knitting a way, and he saw the look of patient endurance, disappointed hopes, and ruined dreams in her face. Once in awhile a little sigh escaped her as she knit in and out.

Noles could not help contrasting her with Shannon's wife, who was a plump, rosy body; who laughed in a comfortable way, as if she did not know what it meant to be cast down. He had been over to Shannon's that very day and found Mrs. Shannon looking so dressed up in the parlor, reading from the latest magazine to Shannon, who was stretched on a couch before the grate. They both seemed so different from them. There seems to be such a merry comradeship between them, such a poking of fun at each other; and when Shannon left her to go with him to the store in the village he had given her a ten-dollar bill for a new dress, and actually had kissed her good-by, "like an old fool." Noles almost blushed thinking of it, and remembered how he wished he had been out of doors.

Well, he kept looking at "mother." It had been which and tother between him and Shannon in her young days. He smiled grimly; for he had won, and when the chase was over, and the conquest made, what had there been left to do that he had not done? What a merry piece she had been then! How pretty and young and bright! But how soon the roses of youth had flown from her cheeks. Why, he remembered hearing someone say, only a year or so after they had been married, "You two are regular old folks already. Why don't you spruce up, and join us in social ways?"

Noles thought it had been a tough struggle from the beginning with fast-coming family, misfortunes, and plans that went awry. He had not thought of her; he had believed himself the toiler, burden-bearer, and martyr in the whole affair.

He picked up the paper, and read again the startling lines, and thought over the meaning of every phrase. It began with "hardest-worked." Mother was always up early,—half-past four in summer, half-past five in winter. When had he ever seen her idle? The household cares had been many,—six children, (married, thank goodness;) bread to bake, butter to churn, meals to prepare, clothes to contrive, rents to mend, stockings to darn, house to keep, washing and ironing to do, chickens, pigs and sheep to look after,—law, yes! it had been trot, trot, trot, day in and day out, early and late.

"Man's work lasts from sun to sun;

Woman's work is never done."

"Poorest-paid." He had never given her a dollar to do as she pleased with since they had been married. What of that? She had clothes and food and shelter. What more did she want? Ahem! It was something to be thankful for to be furnished with a living, in times like these. Noles stopped. "That air won't pass muster," he said to himself. "She's earned as much as I have, and worked longer hours, and she hain't had her dyes. Its a dogged shame. I saw Shannon giving his wife an X today for a new dress. Mother 'd think 'kingdom come had come' if I gave her an X for a new dress."

"Meanest-dressed." "When has she had a new dress? That thing she's wearin' is a turned-over dress she bought ten years ago tying comfortables for Mis' Hicks, who was goin' to git married. Mean, old miserly sinner!" said Noles, in his mind. "Meanest-dressed,"—wall, I guess that's so. She hain't got a dress that's fit for a dog show, and she hain't ever been to any kind of show since she married me.

"Poorest-privileged." "Humph! Spose that means that she hasn't had things up-to-date. Well, it's so. Haven't I hedged her off, time and time again, when she wanted to go to camp-meetin'? Didn't I keep her from them free lectures in town, because I thought more of my hawses than I did o' her? Come to think of it, that woman hain't had nothin' she wanted sence the year 1. I took the money she saved from gatherin' eggs, and put it into machinery, when she wanted furniture. That's a good specimen of the way I've dealt with her. Hain't that a beautiful business arrangement! She hain't had nothin' but my society, and the children's, and the dumb beasts, since I vowed to love her forever. I hain't took a paper she cared for. The County Republican is a man's paper. I did sub

scribe fur a chicken paper, so she'd know how to keer fur the hens. I never read a woman's paper in the world, to know how to keer fur her. Confound it all! but the whole posse of it is about right."

"Least-loved." Noles read it slowly, and looked at mother. Sure enough! When had he ever given her a word of praise or endearment? Hadn't he shoved her off when she wanted to caress and pet him, and starved her tender heart? She looked starved. There was always that gentle, timid submission to his will, that tender thoughtfulness of his wants, and if he had only encouraged it, there would have been the same love-making and merriment between them that there was between Shannon and his wife. Now they sat silent in each other's company, and felt embarrassed for something to say.

All at once Noles discovered that two streams of water were coming from his eyes. He blew his nose hard, and wiped his eyes, and betrayed himself by a little hoarse sob.

Mother looked up over the top of her glasses at him, and said, gently, "Why, father! what's the matter? Be you a takin' cold?"

"No, mother, I'm a takin' what I deserve, and I reckon it would have been better for you if you had married Shannon. I've been a poor stick of a husband."

Mother had often thought so herself; but she could not endure it to see father feeling bad, it was so odd, so strange. "There, there," she said, soothingly; "we won't think about it. It can't be helped, and I don't 'spose you can help it. Didn't 'spose, though, that you'd keer if you didn't quite come up to a woman's wishes."

"Well, I do keer. I've been a brute to you."

"Oh, no, you hain't. I've had lots to be thankful fur. You've never come home drunk, nor used tobacco, nor swore at me, nor given me a blow. You mustn't call yourself sich awful names."

"Say, mother," Noles came near her, and dropped on his knees before her. "It's a late awakening; but if you'll forgive me, I'll start over. I'll try Shannon's plan. Say, mother," his voice grew tremulous and tender, and he forced the knitting from her busy hands, "you've been a good dear, precious wife to me. You've had reason enough to make you think that I didn't love you; but somethings have come to me to night that have made me see you as you are, and I've been a viewin' things as I would if you were in your coffin. I couldn't bear to think of losin' you. My old, patient, precious darling, will you forgive me, and we'll start over agin on the Shannon plan."

"Why, father! bless me! I—I—d—n—o—o—!" and with that mother dropped on her knees beside Noles and wound her old arms about his neck, and cried out, "I havent' been as good and patient as you've thought. I've felt bitter to you. I've argued against you in my mind, and called you selfish, and mean, and stingy, and hard-hearted. O, husband! will you forgive me?"

"I've deserved it all, mother; but we'll see how it'll turn out on the Shannon plan, my flower."

Mother buried her head in Noles' breast, and sobbed, sobbed, sobbed, and she didn't sob all alone, either. Their two hearts were melted, and the old, bitter brine flowed away till a fountain of love's sweetness refreshed their hearts.

There was some one else that Noles realized he had wounded by his heartlessness, and so they set up the family altar he had "poohed" at long ago, when his bride had wished to have evening worship, and

"Heaven came down their souls to greet,  
And glory crowned the mercy-seat."

Noles was in dead earnest; and when Christmas morning came around, there was found a pile of shining gold in mother's stocking, and papers that gave her a half-interest in everything; and beside her stocking was a great bundle of new goods to replenish her wardrobe.

Such a happy little woman as she was! It seemed that the wrinkles smoothed out themselves, the dim eyes brightened, the roses bloomed in the faded face, and mother went springing and singing round the house as she had in her youth.

"The best of it all is," said mother, with a little sob, "that I'm not afraid to hug you as much as I like, you dear, old bear! I feel better about that than all the fine things I have." Then mother broke clear down, and father had "to make a fool" of himself comforting her.

Mother testified in prayer-meeting that she was liv-

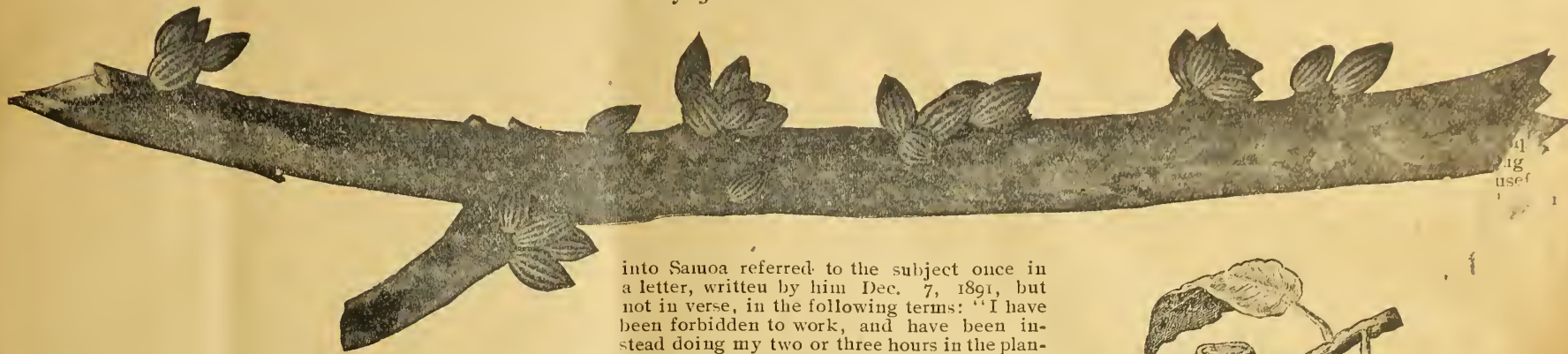
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# THEOBROMA—FOOD FOR THE GODS

The Epicure's Delight—Chocolate. The Cocoa Bean of Commerce

By J. B. COURSEN



**L**IKE the noble Red man, Indian corn, the potato, and many other things highly esteemed by millions, the cocoa bean of commerce is a native American and has delightfully tickled more epicurean palates the world over than has any other product indigenous to American soil. Though a tropical plant, cocoa is distinctively American and was originally found only in countries of North and South America and the islands adjacent thereto, notably the West Indies. So surpassingly delightful to the human palate are the various decoctions and confections produced from the cocoa bean of commerce, it was necessary not only to go abroad but to go back through the long centuries to the aesthetic ancient Grecians to find a name fitly to describe this truly Columbian gift to humanity—*Theobroma*, food for the gods. If the delicious cocoa and chocolate we eat and drink with so much pleasure be truly food fit for the gods, is it to be wondered at that the lovelorn youth of all lands feed chocolate bonbons so freely to the fair feminine divinities at whose shrines they pay devoted homage each Sunday evening—and oftentimes oftener? Then too those thus worshipped who dwell in the occident, may not only have the satisfaction that they are partaking of food fit for the gods, but also that they are pledging their loyalty anew, with each succeeding bon bon, to their native land—Greater America, both North and South.

One of the anomalies of literature is the rare poetic reference made therein to either chocolate or cocoa. When pause is made to consider how intimately associated these two tropical products have been with the antics of the coy little god, Cupid, it seems almost incredible that the muses have not caused some of the world's great poets to pay frequent rhapsodic tribute thereto. Diligent search in a public library in one of America's large cities failed to show that any great American or English bard has ever sung the praises of either cocoa or chocolate. The only reference made to either of these soothing and delicious compounds by a poet of the first rank was by Pope and that was merely incidental and not in eulogy. The only poem discovered in which a deliberate attempt was made in this line was one written by Francis Saltus-Saltus, a versatile New York versifier who was born in 1850 and died in 1889, not long after inditing the following ditty extolling the qualities of chocolate:

"Liquid delectable, I love thy brown  
Deep-glimmering color like a wood nymph's tress;  
Potent and swift to urge on love's excess,  
Thou wert most loved in the fair Aztechtown.

"Where Cortes, for Iberia's crown,  
First found thee, and with rough and soldier guess,  
Pronounced thy virtues of rare worthiness  
And fit by Madrid's dames to gain renown."

Robert Louis Stevenson, the great and much beloved English novelist-poet, who introduced cacao culture

into Samoa referred to the subject once in a letter, written by him Dec. 7, 1891, but not in verse, in the following terms: "I have been forbidden to work, and have been instead doing my two or three hours in the plantation every morning. I only wish some one would pay me £10 a day for taking care of cacao, and I would leave literature for others." This statement is important, not so much for what it says about cacao, as for the inference to be deduced therefrom that Stevenson was accustomed, when in health, to make a good round \$50 a day as a writer of good literature. The only other reference to the output of the cacao tree by a prose writer of international fame, was by F. Marion Crawford, whose writings, by the way were greatly admired by Stevenson. In his "Mr. Isaac's," one of Crawford's characters was made to say: "I ate a little chocolate, from my supply, well knowing the miraculous sustaining powers of the simple, little block."

Here then we have an almost virgin field for aspiring poetic genius to enter. Why may not some lovelorn swain or ardent maiden sweetly indwelt by countless chocolate bonbons, take the wings of Pegasus, soar aloft, light upon a cacao tree and there compose a truly heroic epic setting forth the great deeds and brave, the battles fought and won, through the inspiration afforded by these dark hued sweets incomparable and this liquid delectable?" In view of the increasing abundance of these delightful compounds and the great scarcity of poetic tributes thereto, would it not



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were made of the small end of the cocoa-nut. The tree, sir, bears a beautiful rose-colored blossom, that produces a long pod, resembling our cucumber; in that pod we find the cacao imbedded—a multitude of oval pits, about the size of shelled almonds, and surrounded by a white acid pulp. Now, sir, this pulp produces a very refreshing drink in the tropics, called vino cacao, or cacao-wine, which is more esteemed there than the beverage we make from the berries. Chocolate is made of the cacao berries slightly roasted triturated in water; a certain degree of heat is necessary in its preparation. The best we have comes from Caracas."

"Chocolate was introduced into Spain by Fernando Cortez; to this day it is in Spain what coffee is to France, or tea to England, the pet beverage of all classes of people. The Spaniards, sir, do not use milk in preparing it, nor do the South Americans. In certain South American countries where meat is not common a cup of chocolate supplies the necessary nutriment, and a breakfast of cacao and fruit, sir, is satisfying and delicious. Arbuthnot says it is rich, alimentary, and anodyne. In Spain it is served up in beautiful cups of filagree work, made in the shape of tulips or lilies, with leaves that fold over the top by touching a spring. These leaves are to protect it from the flies. The ladies are so fond of it that they have it sent after them to church; this the bishops interdicted for awhile; that only made it more desirable."

Not only did this custom prevail in Spain in the last century, but it obtained in Mexico in Cathedral towns shortly after the time of Cortez. Indeed, it is related that a bishop at Chiapa in those early days was actually poisoned to death by drinking a potion of poisoned chocolate that had been sent him by an irate dame,

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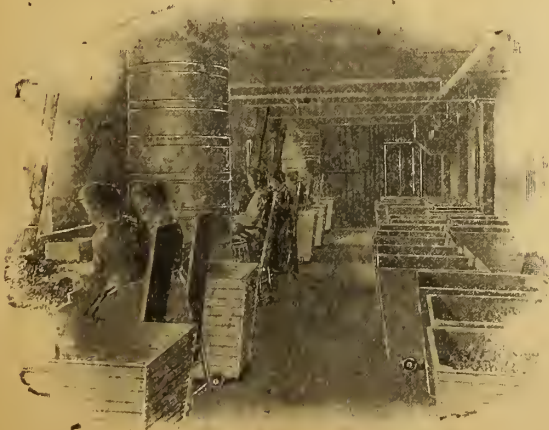
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be a splendid stroke of business for one of the great manufacturers of cocoa and chocolate to offer handsome prizes for the best poems which users of these deliciously delectable concoctions may produce. Thereby may not only great advantage accrue to an important industry but signal additions be made to the choice literature of the world. For the benefit of possible competitors it might be timely to suggest that chocolate can be made to rhyme nicely with mate, late, Kate, pate, fate, hate, trait, skate, wait, gate (the garden gate), bate (not fish bate), and many other words having more or less of poetic possibilities. Then, too, the word cocoa rhymes nicely with any word ending in the sound of long o, such as polo, follow, hollow (used to describe the heads of foreign dukes who get away with American heiresses), mellow, fellow, and as to places, Cairo, Omro, Opporto, Oswego, Chicago, and other cities of unusual culture and refinement.

Though the subject under consideration has been given but little attention in the realm of literature, it has its place in the history of modern civilization and indeed, has a history of its own not to be despised.

Fred S. Cozzens in a bright and chatty volume published in 1867, makes a much traveled and observant Dr. Bushwhacker give the following interesting facts regarding the discovery and the use later of the products of the cocoa tree:

"I will tell you all about it. Chocolate, or as the great Linnaeus used to call it, 'Theobroma,'—food for the gods—is a most peculiar preparation. It is made of the berries of the cacao, sir, a small tree indigenous to Mexico and South and Central America. We misname the berry cocoa, because the jicaras, or native cups in which the cocoa was drunk by the Mexicans,



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# AMONG OUR FLOWERS

## Early-Blooming Shrubs and Trees

By Florence Beckwith

**D**URING the long and dreary winter, we of the northern clime have to content ourselves with whatever semblance of summer we can compass indoors by our house plants, and with the red branches and berries of the shrubs which we may have providently planted within the of our outlook out-of-doors.

Under such conditions, we look longingly forward to springtime, to the coming of the flowers, and the earliest blooming species are most warmly greeted, and the downy pussy willows appear we give them welcome, for they are harbingers of the gay seasons that will soon follow them.

The bright scarlet blossoms of the Japan quince and the yellow-wreathed branches of the forsythia are quite common on our lawns, and different species of magnolias are occasionally seen, but there are other early-blooming shrubs and trees which are not so well known, but which are deserving of cultivation.

Some of our native shrubs cannot be exceeded for beauty, but how seldom do we see them except where nature planted them, or in the parks. The feathery sprays of the shadbush are as charming against a background of evergreens as they are on the edge of the forest, and the conspicuous white blossoms of the flowering dogwood stand out with majestic beauty wherever you see them. The blossoms of the wild crab apple are simply charming, and their fragrance is exquisite. All of these shrubs are easy of cultivation and they would adorn any grounds.

*Cornus mas*, (the cornelian cherry) though introduced into America many years ago, is not often seen in our gardens. It is classed as a shrub, but it sometimes reaches the height of fifteen feet. In the early spring the slender branches are completely covered with small, bright yellow flowers, which appear before the foliage. The compact clusters of blossoms extend the whole length of the branches and give the bush a very striking appearance. Being one of our earliest bloomers, it is very desirable for ornamental planting; later it has showy red fruit.

Peaches are most generally prized by us for their fruit-bearing qualities, but there are some double-flowering varieties cultivated for ornamental purposes that are very beautiful. Some of these produce large double white flowers in great profusion about the usual time of peach flowering; others have rich rose-colored blossoms.

*Prunus Davidiana* is one of the most beautiful of the double-flowering peaches. It is of Chinese origin, though found later in Japan and some other oriental countries. It was first brought to the especial attention of botanists by Abbe David, from whom it takes its name. The tree resembles the common peach in habit of growth, though the leaves are smaller and the branches slender and willow-like. The flowers appear very early, much in advance of the common peach, and even before the native shadbush. The blossoms are pink and white, double, and slightly fragrant. They are borne in the greatest possible profusion on branches of the previous season's growth. The tree is perfectly hardy here in Rochester, N. Y., and when in bloom is a most attractive sight, blossoming as it does in the very earliest springtime when all other trees are bare and leafless. When better known it is certain to become a favorite.

The plums, too, have some very desirable early-blooming, ornamental varieties. *Prunus triloba*, a Chinese shrub, with three-lobed leaves and somewhat spreading branches, is much admired. It adapts itself both to northern and southern climates and will flourish in almost any soil and situation. It grows from four to six feet high, with numerous slender branches, which, in early spring, before the foliage appears, are completely covered from end to end with double, light pink blossoms about an inch across.

But most people the cherries are ranked among fruit trees, rather than among the ornamental trees and shrubs. In nearly all

the species the flowers are single, white, and borne in early spring. In some of the more recently introduced Asiatic forms, however, the flowers are double and rose-colored or pink. It is largely through these varieties that the cherries have become better known and valuable for ornamental planting. All cherry blossoms are beautiful, and these Asiatic varieties are particularly so.

*Prunus sinensis flora plena* is one of the finest double-flowering species. The tree is a native of China and grows to a height of twenty to twenty-five feet, in good form. It is perfectly hardy here in Rochester, where some fine specimens are growing. The large white flowers, resembling miniature roses, appear in great numbers along the stems and branches. A tree twenty-five feet tall covered with these masses of blooms is a magnificent sight.

A number of fine varieties of these ornamental cherries have come from Japan. Some have double and others single blossoms; some are pure white and others light pink deepening to a rosy blush. Some of the double varieties have blossoms measuring two inches or more in diameter. The double white and the double pink varieties planted together make charming groups. It is not surprising that the finest ornamental cherries have come from Japan, for no other people take such interest in cherry culture as the Japanese. Of all flowers these are esteemed by them the most beautiful, and they celebrate their blooming with the greatest enthusiasm. All classes of society, the rich and the poor, the old and the young are enthusiastic admirers of the cherry flowers. The trees are planted in groups in the parks and the temple groves, and along the principal streets and roads. They are grown singly and in clusters in the gardens, and dwarfed and grown in pots.

The trees bloom during the balmy month of April. The people collect in gayly dressed throngs under the

pink clouds of the cherry blossoms and give themselves up to merrymaking. In Tokio, a street called Moko-jima and Ueno Park are especially noted for the beauty of their cherry trees, and on pleasant days these places are visited by tens of thousands of people bent solely on enjoyment. All classes and ages mingle here in holiday attire, a good-natured and orderly throng, perhaps the happiest gathering that the world ever sees, for they have banished care and think only of the beauty of the cherry blossoms and the enjoyment of the present moment.

The cherry blossoms also usher in a series of private festivals, which high officials and those who enjoy the possession of cherry groves give to their friends. Even his Imperial Majesty, the Mikado, issues a mandate to the effect that on a certain day, if it does not rain, he and the empress will give a cherry-blossom festival in one of the imperial parks. Large, handsome cards inviting the guests are issued several days beforehand. The guests comprise all high officials of the government down to a certain rank; the diplomatic corps; foreign employees of the government at the capital who receive a salary of 300 yen or more per month; high officers of the army and navy; and representative officers of foreign war vessels which happen to be in Yokohama harbor at the time.

All this in honor of the blooming of the cherry trees. It makes some of us Americans envy the Japanese the life which enables all the population of a city to lay care and work aside and flock to the gardens and parks and enjoy the beauties of nature. As a people, we Americans are so practical, so given up to the pursuit of wealth, that we have almost entirely neglected the cultivation of a love for the beautiful. But there are some true nature lovers in every community, and the heaven is working, for in our own city the announcement that the lilacs are in bloom is sufficient to bring thousands of visitors to our favorite park, and even our trolley companies are taking advantage of the spirit and advertising the beauties of their suburban lines which run through some of the noted orchard regions of western New York. And truly anything more beautiful than an apple orchard in full bloom, or more exquisite than the individual blossoms cannot be conceived. Every city dweller should take a trip out into the country in apple-blooming time, and those who are so fortunate as to have a home with surrounding orchards should be truly thankful that their lines are cast in such pleasant places. And, possibly, before many generations, we may come to have a love of beauty and simplicity equal to that of the Japanese, and have our festivals of flowers.

## How She Entertained One Busy Afternoon

By Ethel L. McLeod

It was a beautiful afternoon in early summer, that Mrs. Ashleigh came in just as her friend, Mrs. Barclay, was putting on her bonnet and gloves, preparatory to going out to the flower garden.

"Just come on," said Mrs. Barclay. "I have been so busy all week that I promised myself an hour or so among my flowers, and they certainly need me. You can sit in the shade near me, and I can talk as I work."

"That suits me well," answered Mrs. Ashleigh, "for I believe every one needs more out-door air any way. If I could only have flowers like you," she continued, wistfully, "I would think time well spent among them. You seem to have such good luck. I know I try to make mine grow, I water them every day."

"Perhaps you water them too much," suggested Mrs. Barclay.

"Too much?" asked her friend, in astonishment. "I did not know you could water them too much."

"Yes, indeed, you can. Now I find this a very useful watering can," laughingly said Mrs. Barclay.

"Watering can! I would call that a hoe, and you are going among them just as if they were beans and cabbage."

"Exactly, and if you stir the soil occasionally and keep the weeds out, just as



*Prunus Davidiana*



you do your more homely plant friends, beans, corn and cabbage, they will not take much more water than vegetable plants do, and when you do water, don't take a gallon of water and sprinkle half an acre, but pour on a good sized bucketful toward evening when the sun is not shining on them. Soak them well and as soon as the top dries, stir them a little so the ground will not bake."

"Just look how you have broken that beautiful geranium," exclaimed Mrs. Ashleigh. "Almost all the great limbs off of it."

"Yes," said Mrs. Barclay, "if you will notice they get long and leggy if they are not trimmed back. In a few days these new shoots will be almost covered with bloom, and I don't trim all at once, but here and there, so it will not be so noticeable. See! you can hardly tell it, and yet just look how much I took off. When I was a little girl, an old lady often came to our house who used to say, when she especially admired any flower, that she thought it needed pulling off, and whenever I see a geranium long and spindling, with an occasional green leaf, and a poor specimen of a blossom on the tips, I, too, feel as if it needs pulling off. You must remember, too, not to crowd them. Often after they get well started, one has to thin them out. Spasmodic attention does not meet with much success either, but eternal vigilance; that is, notice them a little each day, just at odd moments, and you will never miss the time, for they will attract your attention and refresh you for less pleasant duties."

"I believe I understand you," answered Mrs. Ashleigh. "Just use a little judgment and sprinkle with common sense."

"That's the gist of it" she assented.

"All right: I think I will try again, although I had become somewhat discouraged, I certainly have enjoyed my 'kinder garden' exercise this afternoon and my call has proven profitable as well as pleasant."

## A Few Hints on Roses

By Emma Johnson

A rose garden must have shelter but must not have shade. If it can not have sunshine all day, choose a place where it can have it in the morning rather than in the afternoon. It is well also to have it slightly sheltered by a hedge or clump of shrubbery, and slightly sloping surface is better than a dead level. A sharp slope is better terraced. The steps of the terraces are excellent places for many of the climbing and creeping roses. The best soil in which to raise roses is a rich clay loam, mellow and well drained, and naturally under-drained for roses do not like wet feet. So if the sub-soil is a hard clay, some sort of under draining is imperative. Hybrid perpetuals thrive best in a

rather heavy soil mixed with one-half of rotten manure. Teas and their Hybrids like earth, something lighter, and rather prefer warm feeding and also quite a little sand. But shifting dirty sand is death to roses of all kinds, although June roses and wildroses will grow anywhere that a thistle can thrive. Planting time is a matter of meridians. Below the thirty-fifth parallel, the best season is from September to December, and above that line they do best between mid-April and mid-June. Either in spring or fall planting remove the top soil if it is poor and cold. See whether the bed needs to be underlaid with a foot of broken stone. Of course that all depends on the soil. If it is porous and easily spaded up you can spade it all over and let it remain. But if at the least provocation it grows oozy why take at least a foot of it away and replace it with pieces of corks and broken stones. Now put in the top soil mixed with its own bulk of rotten manure. Cow manure is the best; next the refuse of pig pens and hen houses, but use the last named a little sparingly, because it is stronger than others. But if it is composted with fallen leaves it makes the best kind of a fertilizer. It must stand for some time and be spaded over three or four times. Finish your bed with about six inches of rich new soil; one-third of loam, one third of leaf mold, and one-third of rotten manure is a good combination. Pile it slightly in the middle of the bed, and leave the edges an inch lower than the turf around it and when the roses are set out they will be insured against drought and puddling.



Among Her Flowers

## A Bed of Sweet Williams

By L. Eugenie Williams

A bed of Sweet Williams is "a thing of beauty" and hence "a joy forever." To secure this perpetual pleasure one must begin right.

First, the ground for sowing the seed must be spaded and hoed and mellowed and mellowed with good dressing worked in. And the second requisite is good seed.

Given these conditions, if poor results follow, it must be the fault of the gardener, be he amateur or professional.

I marked off a generous space of a good sized flower bed and prepared the soil as described. I sowed the seed in early summer, although as late as August will give a good start the first year. Sow the seed quite thickly all over or in drills. I prefer the latter. It will germinate quite quickly in the warm, well-stirred soil.

I have at this writing (April) rows of fine plants from last summer's (June) sowing. They are green and strong but were protected through cold weather, otherwise would probably have been winter-killed in our New England climate.

I have removed a portion of the covering and as soon as the sun shines warm and bright and the air

grows mild, I shall wholly uncover, giving them free chance to grow. The covering should be light litter rather than heavy dressing, as the Sweet William is really quite hardy and will resent too much coddling.

They do not need nursing like many seedlings but grow right along and early in the second summer after sowing begin to bud and bloom in fine, stiff clusters, rich and varied in coloring.

The Sweet William is an old-fashioned flower. It belongs to grandmother's garden, yet the modern florist may share it. The largest, loveliest garden for miles in circuit near my home recently made Sweet Williams a specialty. And oh, weren't they beauties, when they began to bloom. Everybody that saw them wanted Sweet Williams. Everybody meant to have some "next year."

From deepest, velvety garnet, almost black, to clear, pure white the colors ranged. Nothing the garden held that year received the admiration given the Sweet Williams, and when a generous quantity of the seed was bestowed upon me, I set about studying their habits resolving I would cultivate them. The Sweet William is among the easiest flowers to grow from seed, useful in bouquets, distinct, hardy, and unique. Start out for a bed. You will not regret it.

Great men may be, as Dr. Smiles says, "exceptional men," but not one has ever been an exception to the rule, "There is no excellence without great labor."

## Four Gems

By Alonzo Rice

### The King's Sword

"The blade's too short," the craven guard replied.  
The king's son started forward, bold and bluff;  
"No sword's too short for one who's brave," he  
cried;  
"Advance one step, 'twill then be long enough!"

### Contentment

A gift the roses wished at early dawn,  
And thorns were given them and then they  
cried;  
They wept until they saw the feeding fawn  
Devour defenseless lilies by their side!

### Flowers and Fruit

We love but seldom that which is not fair  
As well as good; and so our taste to suit,  
Dame Nature always puts a blossom there,  
Before she does the fruit!

### Home

No cumbrance of unmeaning lands be mine.  
Just the enchantment of that wilding place,  
And sown by random winds with leaf and vine,  
Where I may see at eventide her face!

## Be Broken

By Frank W. Howe

Broken threads are in the weaving  
Of the fateful loom of life;  
Broken hearts are sad with grieving,  
Pain with mystery is rife.

So the thread must oft be broken  
Ere the pattern be complete,  
And the heart-quake finds its token  
In the bitter fount made sweet.

Broken hopes uplift the building  
Of the chastened hall of love;  
Broken lives, perchance, the gilding  
Of its vaulted dome above.

But the Builder joins the pieces,  
In his work of finished grace.  
We shall see, when darkness ceases,  
Broken lives have found their place.



# THE WAY ONE WOMAN WON

Editor's Foreword—Many requests come to us from time to time from our readers for practical suggestions which can be used to advantage by the woman in the home as a means of adding to the family income or to reduce the family expenses, and at the same time, to utilize such spare time as is not taken up by their household duties. In fact, many such requests have come as to lead us seriously to consider the advisability of adding a time-saving, money-making department, asking our readers to contribute to it such suggestions as may have come from observation—such plans as they may know to have been successful. As an experiment in this line we have asked Miss Pearl Merwin, whose success as a teacher of dressmaking is a matter of common knowledge, to give our readers the benefit of how she "got her start," and those who have attained any marked degree of success in this line, where it has been gained somewhat out of the beaten path, to guard the secret of their success as a miser guards his treasure. When once our representative secured an audience with her, a very busy woman—her only comment on this point was, "If my modest work thus far will prove of any value to you, it is a pleasure to me. Inspiration or direct suggestion to your large family of women readers, I am quite sure they are welcome to it, and if anything I may say will be helpful to those who are ambitious and striving to better their condition in life, I shall feel amply repaid."

**T**HERE is really nothing about my work but what any ambitious woman of average intelligence, fair education, and sufficient ambition, pluck, and capacity for work can duplicate. Yes, I must confess that I have always been accredited with having more or less of a natural talent for dressmaking, but I don't think that is at all essential to a woman's success in doing all the sewing for her family, and home community as well, for that matter. Certainly a 'knack' at the trade and being, as we say, 'handy with the needle' is decidedly to one's advantage. But what woman has not instinctively a tendency to a greater or less extent in this direction? Of course, the 'know how' is necessary, without which, natural talent, a love for the work, ambition, perseverance and all that, cannot of themselves alone bring success. A certain amount of technical knowledge and training is necessary, and the wise will put forth every possible effort to acquire it.



Miss Pearl Merwin

"About that time I was brought, by the loss of a parent, face to face with the stern realities of life. I then found it necessary to cast about for an honorable means of livelihood. I had had no opportunity of either receiving instruction or apprenticeship in dressmaking. What little I knew about it was only that which I had managed to 'pick up' by observation. How could I use my natural talent to the best advantage to bring in the largest and most immediate returns? I knew I could not expect the wealthy to trust their costly gowns to me. After trying many other plans, I struck on the following, which proved to be the turning point in my life.

"I knew I could do one thing and do it well—make children's clothing. Living at that time in a small city, I put an announcement in one of the papers that I would receive sewing for children. The response was slow at first, until the work began to speak for itself. The public school became my best advertising field. Mothers became interested because their children made them so. What mother has not a natural pride in her girls and desires not to see them at least as well dressed, if not a bit better, than their playmates? What mother's heart can refuse to respond to the plea so often heard, 'Mamma, I wish I could have pretty dresses like the other girls?' And what mother will not make every sacrifice possible, oftentimes even depriving herself of actual necessities, to gratify this natural craving—the first evidence of approaching young womanhood? I use the term 'natural craving' advisedly because we women all know that the desire to appear to the best advantage at all times and places is just as natural as any other trait of the feminine heart and that it begins to manifest itself very early in life, and that it is as much our duty to recognize and cultivate it, within proper limitations, as any other tendency implanted by the Creator, within our being.

## Are Dressmakers Natural Born

"Poets are born, not made.' But how about dressmakers? So are they, and natural-born at that, or most of them, I think. The trouble is, I fear, we are prone to give this matter of natural-bornness undue prominence in accounting for our success or failure. I think it is too much harped upon—too often blamed for failure, whereas lack of equipment, energy, and effort on our part are more often the cause. Every woman is by nature endowed with certain characteristic tastes—a sense of the proper fitness of things which enables her to discern and know at a glance such things as harmony of color and outline as applied to dress. The only difference among us is in the degree to which we are graced by nature with this feminine faculty.

"I know there are so-called 'natural-born' dressmakers—women who are natively possessed of this quality to a very marked degree. But I also know that the majority of us are capable of learning much more than natural instinct alone teaches us. I am further persuaded by general observation and personal acquaintance that the greater part of the knowledge that most dressmakers possess is acquired knowledge rather than mother-wit. The wild rose is natural born but it cannot compare in form and color with the American Beauty, which is a cultivated rose. Helen Keller was a natural born mute—blind, deaf, and dumb,—but by proper training and effort became a brilliant and accomplished lady, beautiful of soul and feature.

"Nature has done her part for us. The question is, will we do our part and assist nature by improving on ourselves. Genius is nothing more than energy intensified and honest effort properly trained in the right direction. In a word—the native talent which we possess spells success if rightly directed in the proper channels.

## A Humble Beginning

"How did I settle upon dressmaking as my life work? As I glance back it seems to have been the most natural thing imaginable. It is much like the case of the boy who whistled in school, and when called to task by his teacher for his innocent indiscretion, in perfect honesty stammered out, 'No,—no, ma'am, I,—I never whistled. It,—it just whistled itself.' I don't think I could have done anything else quite so successfully had I tried, although I might have done as well in some other line of work. The fact is I demonstrated the truth of the statement, at least to my own satisfaction, that it is best to follow one's natural inclination in learning a profession. I do not think I could have let dressmaking entirely alone had I wanted to do so, and in this work I think I have found my professional 'affinity' and would not be happy at anything else.

"From childhood I always aspired to become a finished and artistic dressmaker. As a girl in school all the studies which underlie the science and art of dressmaking, such as drawing, designing, color, and observation work, had a deep fascination for me. While still a young girl at home the responsibility of making my younger sisters' and brothers' clothing fell to me. How I delighted in designing and drafting little patterns for them, and how careful I was that every stitch should be in the right place and that each garment should fit as well as if it were for a grown person!

## Making Children's Clothing

"The surprising thing of it all to me was the prevalent inability on the part of mothers, especially young mothers, to make their own children's clothing, at least, to make them tastily. And so the work began to pile in upon me until I had to secure help to do the plain sewing, giving all my time to designing and management. In a short time I had an established business. My success with children's clothing brought the adult and fancy trade which I knew I was not then equipped to handle. I found that I must prepare myself, as the way seemed to be opening up for the realization of my early ambitions.

"I commenced at once a scientific study of the various systems of dressmaking. All of these I thoroughly mastered with the result that I have probably studied more systems than any other one dressmaker. I have found a great lack of uniformity as to system among dressmakers. I do not believe there is another trade or profession in which there is so much confusion and so little conformity to any one plan as in dressmaking.

"Every dressmaker has 'her own way' of doing things, and there are too often no two alike in the same establishment. Every day I receive letters from good dressmakers who have experienced the embarrassment of being told they know little about certain points in dressmaking when entering a new position, simply because they did not happen to use the same methods their new employer did. Dressmakers have long been agreed that there should be a universal system. Such a system must be at once rational, practical, simple, and easily adapted to fashion changes.

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## THE AUTHOR OF THIS COURSE

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## A SUCCESSFUL GRADUATE'S OPINION

MISS PEARL MERWIN, Supervisor, Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 15, 1908.  
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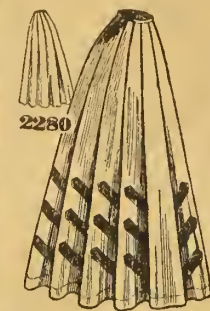
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## Select Styles For The Coming Months

One of the best patterns for a Ladies' knock aboutskirt, is 2280. It is a fifteen-gored model, with an inverted box-plait at the centre-back seam, and side plaits below the hips at other seams. It is an excellent model for serge, cheviot, tweed or mixed tailor-suiting. If made in any of these materials the trimming should consist of straps made of silk, or bias pieces of the material ornamented with small loops of braid, and either black or fancy buttons. This trimming may be developed from wide mohair braid if desired, or omitted entirely, according to taste. The side plaits in the front are stitched in such a manner as form a box plait, and the model falls in pretty folds around the foot. It also develops well in voile, cashmere or mohair, and is very stylish in cut and outline. For 26 waist the skirt made of material with nap, requires 12 1/4 yards 20 inches wide, 6 3/4 yards 36 inches wide, 5 7/8 yards 42 inches wide, or 4 3/4 yards 54 inches wide; without nap it needs 11 1/4 yards 20 inches wide, 6 yards 36 inches wide, 5 3/8 yards 42 inches wide, or 4 1/8 yards 54 inches wide; 1 1/4 yards of silk 20 inches wide for straps. Width of lower edge about 5 1/2 yards. The pattern 2280 comes in sizes 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches, waist measure.



A stylish and most jaunty little coat, which may be developed in any material, and which would be most appropriate to wear with above mentioned skirt, is 2267. It is a semi-fitting model in three-quarter length and looks particularly well in Venetian cloth, serge, mohair, Panama, covert or granite cloth. The revers, fronts, lower edge, pockets and turn-back cuffs are bound with black silk braid, and the collar is faced with waterproof black silk or velvet, according to taste. These separate coats are very popular this season made up in dark blue serge, the edges being bound with black or self-colored braid, and are worn with skirts of all descriptions, from those of heavy cloth to those of white linen or pique. For 36 bust the coat requires 5 yards of materials 20 inches wide, 2 3/4 yards 36 inches wide, 2 1/2 yards 42 inches wide, or 1 3/4 yards 54 inches wide; 1/4 yard of velvet 20 inches wide (cut bias) to cover collar and 4 3/4 yards of braid to trim. The pattern 2267 is in 6 sizes, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches, bust measure.

An attractive shirt-waist for everyday wear, and one that is adaptable to any of the striped French or Viyella flannels, chambray, linen, pique, madras, cotton voile, victoria or Persian lawn, mercerized taffetas, or any of the thin wash silks is the tailor-made model 2287. It is particularly adaptable to the broad shouldered figures. The three shaped tucks tapering towards the waistline give the required fullness to the front and back and the shaped tab-like portions are held in place by flat pearl buttons, which also fasten the waist down the centre-front. The full sleeves are gathered into straight cuffs held in place by button and buttonholes. For 36 bust the shirt-waist requires 4 5/8 yards of material 20 inches wide, 3 1/2 yards 27 inches wide, 2 5/8 yards 36 inches wide,



or 2 1/4 yards 42 inches wide. The pattern 2287 is in 6 sizes, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches, bust measure.

A pretty shirt-waist for a young girl, and one that will be copied extensively during the coming Summer, is developed in lilac and white checked cotton voile. A group of narrow tucks, either side of the centre box-plait closing, stitched to almost the bustline give the required fullness to the front and the back is plain with the exception of a 3/4 inch tuck which extends over the shoulders and down the front. The neck is finished by a high turn-down white linen collar, and if this was embroidered in lilac dots the effect would be very dainty. The tucked turn-back cuffs either side of the box-plaited closing are finished with narrow fluted ruffles of the material, or of plain lilac lawn. The model would also be adaptable to any of the pretty light colored lawns, handkerchief, or to taffetas, surah, Pekin or rajah silks. For a miss of 15 years the shirt-waist requires 3 3/4 yards of material 20 inches wide, 3 1/4 yards 27 inches wide, 2 1/2 yards 36 inches wide, or 2 yards 42 inches wide; as illustrated 1/2 yard of linen 27 inches wide for collar, and 1/2 yard of material 20 inches wide, 3/8 yard 27 inches wide or 1/4 yard 36 or 42 inches wide, extra, for fluted ruffles. The pattern 2250 is in 3 sizes 13, 15 and 17 years.



Children's dresses have changed very little either in cut or outline since last season and two of the most popular models for the growing girl are the one-piece Russian blouse and the ever-popular jumper frocks worn with a guimpe of lawn, batiste or silk. All of the best features of the latter style are combined in the attractive and useful design of the girl's frock 1923. It is adaptable to Panama cloth, serge, mohair, challis, and of the plain colored or figured dimities, chambrays or cotton voiles, and to linen and victoria lawn. The slashing over the shoulders, as well as the V shaped effect to the front, combine to give the large arm-hole aspect to the pinafore portion, and also the appearance of the two being buttoned together on the shoulder. The full gathered skirt is joined to the waist, under a narrow belt of the material embroidered by hand, or an insertion of blind embroidery may be used, similar insertion trimming the skirt above the hem. The simple little guimpe is of dimity or fine lawn, the collar and narrow cuffs being of one or two bands of narrow embroidery insertion. For a girl of 10 years the dress requires 4 1/2 yards of material 20 inches wide, 2 3/4 yards 36 inches wide, or 2 1/4 yards 42 inches wide, the guimpe needs 3/4 yards 18 inches wide, or 1 3/8 yards 36 inches wide, with 4 1/2 yards of insertion to trim. The pattern 1923 is in 4 sizes, 6, 8, 10 and 12 years.

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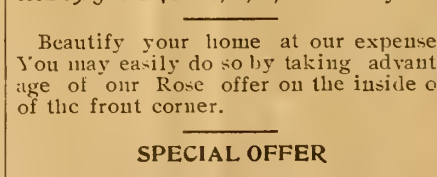
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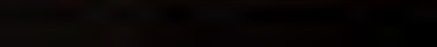


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### THE MAN WITH THE RAKE

Of late years this ubiquitous person has quite eclipsed his hard working predecessor, "The Man With the Hoe." While the last named has been working full time all these years, his latter-day rival is thought by many good people to have been putting in overtime and confining himself too much to one kind of work. In fact so ardently has he been thus engaged that most people have come to the conclusion that, in the widespread fields of social, civic, and economic life, there is only one kind of rake that can be used and that is

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### THE GEM RAKE

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### HUMAN WELFARE

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### WELFARE NOTES

A hopeful sign of awakening interest in the good cause of manual education is the introduction in Congress of a most excellent bill by Congressman C. R. Davis, of Minnesota, providing for the making of a sufficient appropriation from the federal treasury as to make possible the establishment of agricultural high schools in all the states of the union. Congressman Davis deserves most hearty commendation not only for introducing this bill, but also for pushing an active campaign in its behalf. This proposition should receive the enthusiastic support of all who wish well for country, state and people.

The New York Charity Organization Society is doing a vast amount of good work in the interest of human welfare through its excellent Committee on The Prevention of Tuberculosis. In a good health number of VICK'S MAGAZINE, which will be published in the not-distant future, the splendid work of this committee and of other similar organizations in battling against man's dread enemy, the "white plague," will be fully described.

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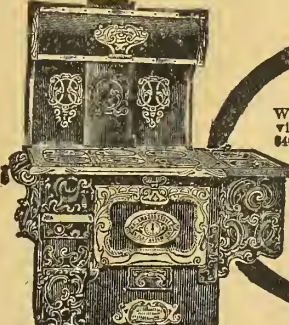

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## OUR LITTLE MEN AND WOMEN

### Spring's Awakening

By Eda W. VonAlten

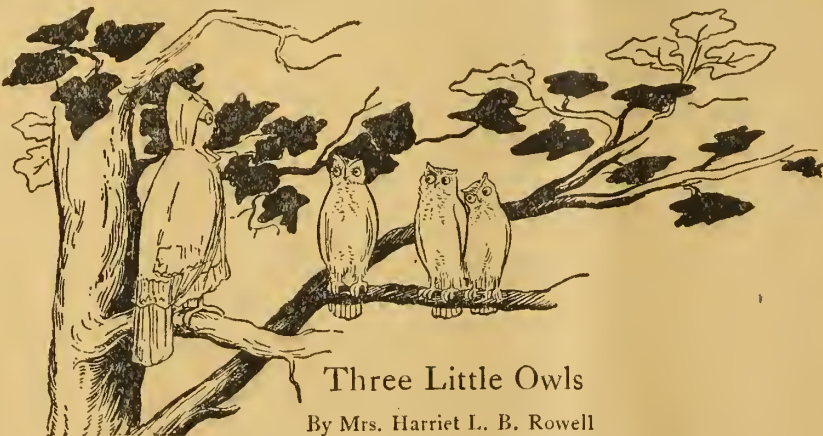
For the last two months Jack Frost has been making us long visits; but this month we shall have the sun for a longer time each day, so you see it will melt the ice, and then we shall soon have spring. Do you remember how dark it has been in the morning for the last two months? Sometimes we had to eat our breakfast by lamp or gaslight. But the good sun is going to wake up quite a little earlier this month, so the days will be longer, brighter, and warmer. We shall have more time to play outdoors, and what jolly times we shall have! What do you think? Last evening I

green leaves came? They are packed away in these buds; and after the spring rains and sunshine have warmed and watered them, the leafbuds will open, and the pretty green leaf will appear.

This twig is part of a big tree, and has been growing for many years. Before this it was only a tiny seed.

### SUGAR MAPLE TREE

Does that make you think of maple sugar? Have you ever seen the farmer tap a sugar maple tree? First he cuts a hole into the tree, just deep enough to reach the sap as it flows; then he puts a little wooden or tin tube into the hole and places a pail under the tube into which the sap flows. He has several



Three Little Owls

By Mrs. Harriet L. B. Rowell

Three little owls sat on a tree, Looking as wise as wise could be. When all of a sudden from out the wood An old owl flew and by them stood In surprise and cowl but without any book. In a voice to be heard in every nook, Began he to preach, All in owl speech, On the duties and morals of owls, oh!

A dear, little boy, who chanced that way, Paused to listen, and heard him say In words full of meaning, in tones clear and strong, Which ever were raised 'gainst evil and wrong: "Tu-whoo, tu-whoo, tu-whoo; All little owls should ever be Good and kind and gentle and true—oo Then when they're grown They will be known As owls who all evils eschew—oo."

read a pretty little story in "In the Child's World" about "The Meeting of the Winds."

They were not very good friends when they met; for they were quarreling, just as two naughty children do sometimes. The North Wind did not want to stop blowing or give up the snow and ice; and the South Wind thought it was time to melt the ice, so the pussy willow and alder could come by the first of May. After boasting for some time about the pretty things they each had in their own home, the North Wind said that he was the strongest, and so must have occasional visits yet this month. The South Wind felt very bad, and thought the spring that was coming was her time, as she had to get the fields ready for the farmer. While they were talking in this way, the River, who had been listening, said, "But why do you quarrel and provoke each other this way? Why not speak gently to each other? You would not change homes, would you?" I know the winds felt very sorry they had been unkind to each other, for they both said they did not mean to be impolite, or hurt each other's feelings.

Just then the doorbell rang, and I was obliged to go to the door; but I know the North and South Winds made up, and promised to be firm friends; for I left them shaking hands. But there is something else we must talk about this month, and that is

### THE TREES AND BUDS

You remember the little twigs we put into a bottle of water last week, and set them on the window sill, where they could be in the sunshine. Come now and see what has happened. Do you see the tiny leafbuds, from which the pretty



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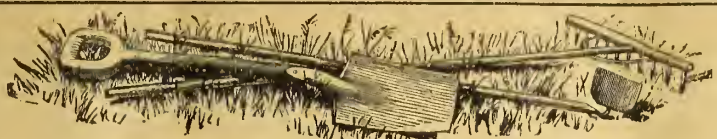
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# The Fine Art of Gardening



BY APP M. SMITH

## Make Good Soil for Flowers and Vegetables

Flower and vegetable culture requires always a well-prepared soil, but not one person in ten who attempts to garden ever pays enough attention to this point. They think any kind of manure or fertilizer good enough. Manures with them are like the "coons," that all "look alike." To get the best results, all the manure that goes into the flower or vegetable garden should first be composted and well rotted. In the summer the fresh manure from the barn or poultry house should be composted or mixed up with earth in layers evenly spread out in a frame or box. All the potato-peelings, cabbage leaves, radish tops, and in fact all the green things about the premises should also be incorporated in the pile. The soap suds and dish water should also be poured upon the heap. Keep building it up in layers all through the summer, fall, and winter before it is to be used. Then in the spring you have something when chopped down fine that will make your flowers grow as they never did before. The winter's ashes, if from hard wood, can also be scattered on the heap in layers. It should be scattered over the garden in the spring and plowed under about six or eight inches. Then if you want to indulge in a "hastener" or stimulant to force vegetation a little faster than usual, get some nitrate of soda or some well-prepared commercial fertilizer and dissolve in water and sprinkle over the beds before sowing seed or setting out plants. Coarse manure, fresh from the barn, should never be put on land that is to be used in producing fine flowers or vegetables.

## Front Yard Attractions

### Some Random Suggestions About How to Make Cheap Flower Gardens

Of course the lady readers of Vick's Magazine intend to have a flower garden this spring. If you have not already commenced to prepare for one, do so now. No home is perfect without one, and though you may not all have the means for indulging in flowers to the extent of some of your neighbors, you may make the home beautiful nevertheless by a very little effort, and at very small expense. To all such persons a few suggestions regarding the selection of seed, and the kinds of flowers to have with the least labor and outlay, should be timely and some assistance just now.

### Get Good Seeds

First of all, don't depend upon seeds picked up from old stocks. Many seeds left over from past years are of little value, and always less vigorous in productive power. Buy from reliable seedsmen of wide reputation. As to kinds, first, don't leave out the pansies. They are a veritable "joy forever" in the home. It is about the right time now for planting the seeds, and you can get beautiful flowers from them late in the season if planted now. If you want early blooms, buy a few plants from the greenhouse, or from some neighbor who has been more thoughtful, and has begun to plant in time.

Then you want a few Phlox Drummondii, or Grandiflora. The phlox are very cheap, easily grown, very hardy, and come into flowering so rapidly that any one can raise them successfully from the seed. The word phlox signifies "a flame," and the bright and dazzling display which a bed of them makes in the front yard proves them to be well-named. The seedsmen are always introducing new kinds.

### A Most Beautiful Effect

May be produced by edging other flower beds with the dwarf phlox, which grows

compactly. Get some of the dwarf mixed colors for edging, and the Drummondii grandiflora, (mixed colors) for general use. Give them rich soil of a sandy nature, and they will surprise you with their beauty and vigor.

### Another Garden Beauty

The Snapdragon, which the florists call antirrhinum, is another indispensable floral addition to the garden. They have been much improved of late, and one can now procure some very large and fine kinds that are most surprisingly beautiful and ornamental. The New Giant, mixed, produces some of the largest and most brilliant flowers ever known. The dwarfs, in mixed packets, also give much pleasure in their great variety of color and odd-shaped flowers.

### Other Floral Attractions

And then to those already enumerated, add some choice collections of sweet peas, verbenas, and asters, and you may "point with pride," as the politicians say, at the end of the season to the record you have made in rendering your home surroundings pleasant and attractive to both your own family and your neighbors, at the least possible trouble and cost.

## The Luscious Green Pea

### A Vegetable That Has No Equal as a Table Delicacy

Next month we should plant in the home garden the luscious green pea, which, if properly selected, properly planted, properly cultivated, and properly picked at the proper time, and then properly cooked, is, without a doubt the peer, if not the superior, of any garden luxury on earth. The strawberry crank has told us of his favorite fruit, that God could have made a better fruit if he had tried, but certainly he never did. What ever doubt some may have about the superiority of the strawberry over other fruits, there seems to us to be no doubt of the super-excellence of the green pea.

### Planting for First Crop

About the twentieth of April is the time to plant them in the latitude of New York, Michigan, and Wisconsin for first crop. Choose rich, sandy soil—no matter what your old fossilized, rock-bound clay advocate or muck agitator may say—sand is the soil for good green peas for God's images to eat. If you want to feed hogs or cows, clay and muck soils will do to raise peas on.

### The Best Variety

As to kinds, there are several good peas, but the best is the American Wonder—best for flavor, best for size (it is dwarf in growth), best for yield of shelled peas to the quart, and quickest to come to maturity, that is the quickest of the best kinds. It is, by far, the sweetest and tenderest of all peas if properly handled. Seedsmen have worked for over twenty years (since Bliss originated it) to get something better. The nearest they have come to it is Nott's Excelsior, and that lacks a good deal of being its equal.

### How to Grow and Cook

Plant in rich, deep soil, keep clean of weeds, cultivate well until blossoms are out, pick when the pods are just barely filled, about two or three hours before they are to be eaten. Parboil for fifteen or twenty minutes, pour off the water, dress with milk, a very little butter and pepper and salt, and you have a feast for the gods, or the goddesses, or the angels in heaven, or the seraphim above, and, if there is a dyspeptic anywhere on earth or in the regions below (that's where most of them are) a mess of these peas will completely re-organize his gastronomic apparatus and put him on the road to health, wealth, and prosperity.



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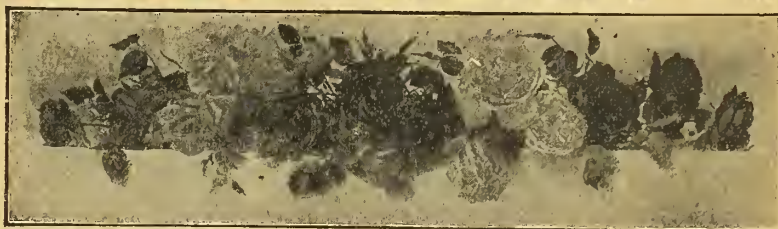
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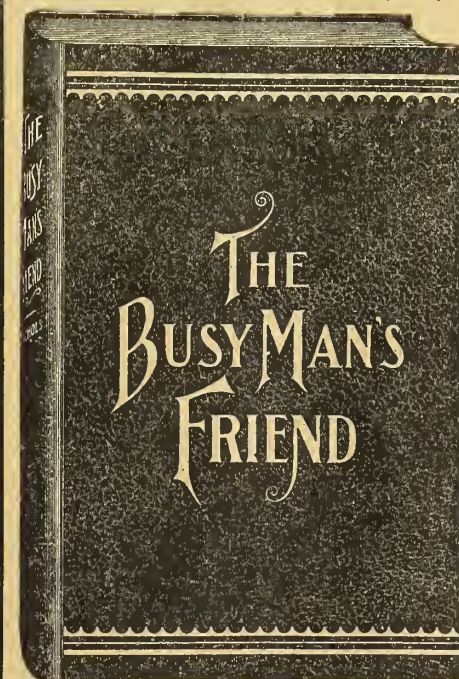
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## WIDEN THE CIRCLE

IN THE matter of unselfishness, people live within circles of greater or less diameter. The vast majority are content to live within an exceedingly narrow circle. Some are wholly absorbed in themselves, and their circle of unselfishness is an absolutely minus quantity. Such have no real love for any one other than themselves. There are others, however, who are reasonably kind, considerate, sympathetic, and unselfish in their relations to the members of their own immediate family, but have no loving interest in any one outside of the family circle. Consoling themselves with the reflection, "Charity begins at home," they are quite content to let it end there. It is manifestly true that the first duty of every one is to be dutiful, affectionate, loving, and kind at home; but no really good person will limit his sympathies, his kind words, his deeds of love, his sacrifices, gifts, and benefactions to the members of his own household. He will widen his circle, or rather, he will allow the self-forgetting love within him to do it for him.

As in mathematics, the greater circle on a common plane must needs include the lesser, so in the realm of the ethical and the spiritual, the greater circle of love universal will as inevitably include the lesser circle of domestic love. Indeed, the experience of mankind is that the wider the circle of one's love, the more intense will be that love within the inner circle. Well it is that our strongest and most affectionate attachment should be for those of our own kith and kin, but truly has said the poet-essayist Zimmerman:

"As the small pebble stirs the peaceful lake, The center moved, a circle straight succeeds And still, and still another, spreads, Friend, parent, neighbor, first it will embrace, His country next, and next all human race."

## GOOD PROSE IS PREFERABLE TO POOR POETRY

MANY young writers seem to think that their first great duty to mankind is to write poetry. They very often have good thoughts, but fail properly to clothe them in the poetical garb which they attempt. These two statements

may safely be regarded as equally true: "All that glitters is not gold;" all that jingles is not poetry. Not a few who undertake to write poetry would do much better should they first seek to become proficient in expressing their thoughts in pure, plain prose. Verily, good prose is preferable to poor poetry.

## TWO GREAT MEN

NO one will seriously dispute the proposition that Dwight L. Moody and John Ruskin were two of the greatest men the nineteenth century produced. The fact that they died within a few weeks of each other suggests a comparison as does also the fact that in their later years they were contemporaries.

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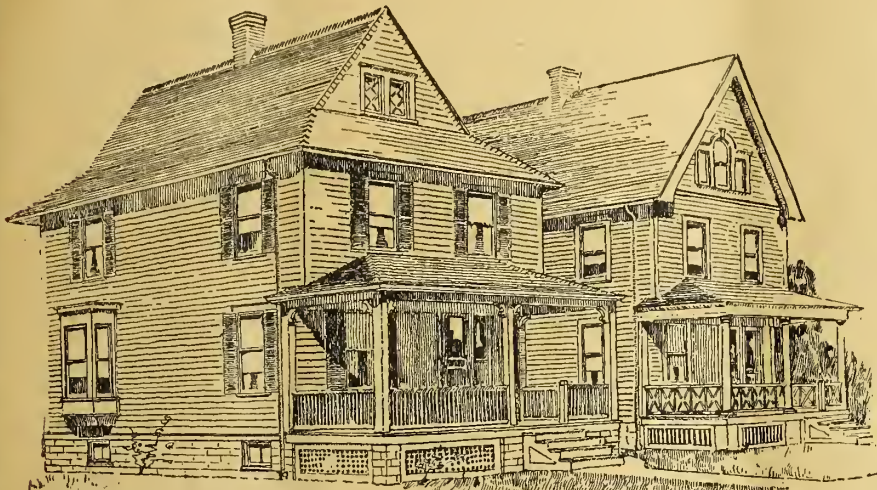
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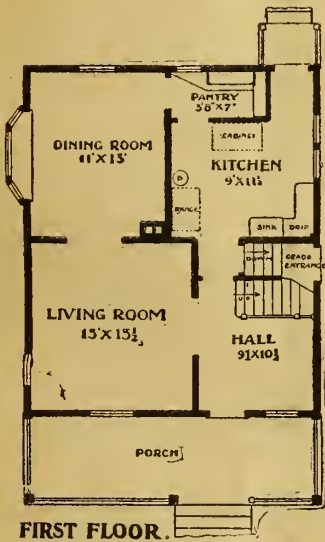
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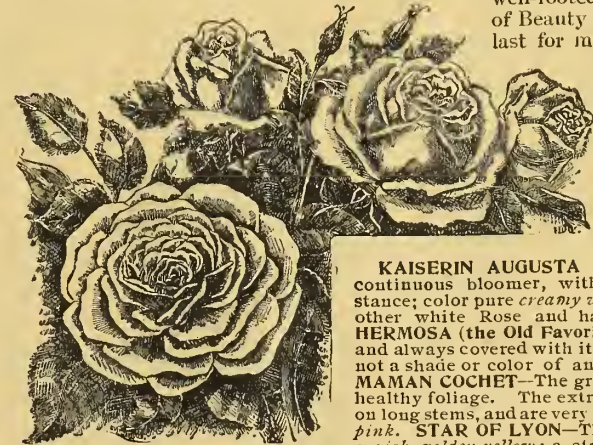
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## At the Point of the Needle

Conducted by Lauretta Miller

### Theme for the Month

Old is the saying yet true, "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well." In keeping with this thought a flower theme will be chosen for each issue. If too many designs and random ideas are suggested, the result is too often confusing, sometimes discouraging, and even distressing to the amateur desirous of becoming proficient in the delightful art of needlework. The thought for March is the wild rose and its pleasing fragrance will pervade all the suggestions given herein showing how this romantic flower may be made to adorn various articles of utility and beauty.

### The Wild Rose Shirt Waist

As winter merges into spring no other phantasy so makes up the stuff of which

countless maiden dreams consist as does that of the coming summer shirt waist. Herewith appears one of the maiden dreamers fair attired in a veritable dream of a wild rose shirt waist. This beautiful creation—that is the shirtwaist—may become the possession of either maid or matron through a trifling outlay for a few yards of white lawn, a few spools of silk, and the devotion of a few hours of time to the pleasant task of embroidering the fabric. Designs can be had, stamped on very best quality India lawn, three yards, 36 inches wide, including collars and cuffs. The stamping will wash out



after the embroidery has been completed. The design can be worked in three shades of a single color, as a light pink, a medium light pink, and a dark shade of pink.

It is best to make all shadow embroidery on the wrong side of the material. Shadow designs can be embellished with small French knots set close together, around the outlines of petals, leaves, and stems. The knots should be made on the right side of the material. When stems or other parts of the design, are worked with satin stitch, this part of the work should be done also, on the right side of the material.

The design is stamped upon the material in such

manner that a waist can be made to fit any figure. Should the design be too wide for a slender figure, take up the fullness in a series of small tucks made on the shoulders, near the arm holes. If more width is desired across the bust, make a fold down the material from neck to waist line, exactly in the center of the embroidery.

### Dresser Cover

With the dream of a wild rose shirt waist transformed into glad fruition, the mind of every beauty-loving woman naturally turns to the thought of her room and what will the whole year round impart to it the most of outdoor flavor and the free and happy atmosphere of the woodland. What can do this better than the incomparable wild rose? The happy idea then takes possession of

her mind. "How lovely it would be to have everything in my room harmonize with that charming shirt waist I am to wear!" She needs a new scarf for her dresser and she soon finds herself most happily employed embroidering one, 20 x 50 inches. The fabric is tinted white lawn. The scarf will require only twenty skeins of Grecian floss. The illustration herewith shows only one-half of dresser scarf.

### Pin Cushion Cover

"And there" she remarks to herself, "is that old pin cushion. How much better it would look if it were replaced with a pretty wild rose cushion to match the cover I am just completing!" So she sends to Vick's Magazine for the artistic design like the one appearing herewith. This is made to fit a nine-inch cushion; to be fastened with ribbon through embroidered eyelets; tinted on white lawn. It requires about twelve skeins of Grecian Floss.

### A Wild Rose Pillow

The need of a new sofa pillow is quite evident as there are only about a dozen over there on the cosy corner sofa, but the collection would certainly be incomplete without one to match the wild rose shirt waist, dresser scarf, pin cushion, and hair receiver, the last of which she will make later on. Hence she sends for this attractive pillow design. Upon its arrival she finds it so beautiful that she embroiders as much of it solid as possible. While the vase will look well simply outlined, the effect of

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Pin Cushion Cover

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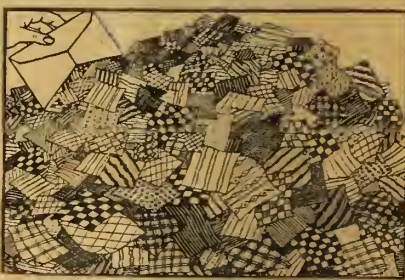
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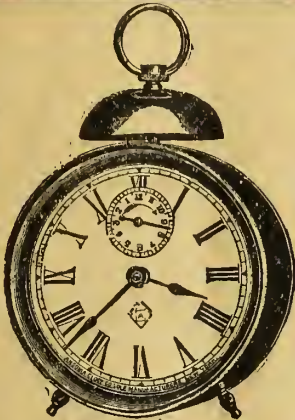
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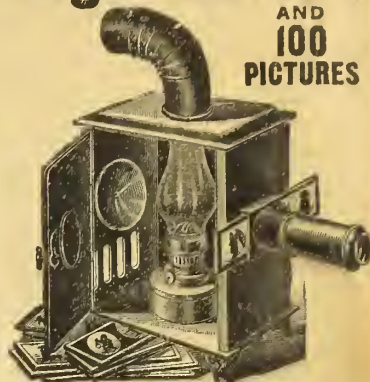
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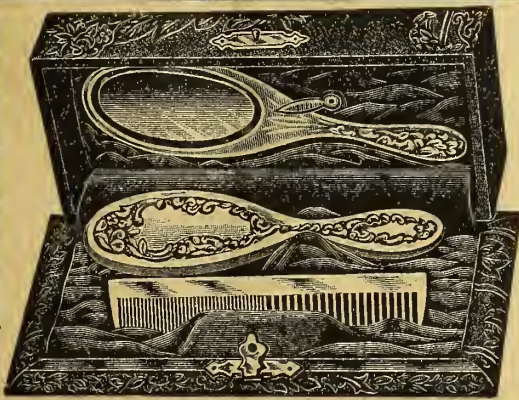
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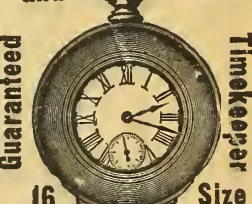
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## Household Economy

### ROUND TABLE TALKS

By Florence M. Howe

"Now I say this is simply delightful!" exclaimed Mrs. Eddy, as we took our seats around the table in her attractive dining-room. "I suppose we must concede that this is Maud's bright idea of devoting the Wednesday noon hour just to ourselves,—not for one word of gossip, you know,—a fact which we must all take care to remember,—but for very practical suggestions in the art of cooking and serving. Our object in these table talks will be to learn how to prepare simple and wholesome dishes; also how we may economize time in the daily routine work of the kitchen. A simple dish, daintily served, may be just as effective in coaxing one's appetite as a more elaborate dish requiring a great expenditure of time and patience on the part of the cook. None of us can deny that a good breakfast or a good dinner does help smooth out the little worries and wrinkles that are so ready to assert themselves in the course of a day's work."

#### Cooking a Science

"People still hesitate to call cooking a science, for the reason, no doubt, that so little of it is conducted along 'scientific lines,'" said Mrs. Adams. "We mix our ingredients together in every sort of fashion, the only requisite being that the mixture shall taste good."

"When we come to realize what cooking really means, we shall have a better right to the word science," added our hostess. "Isn't it Ruskin who says, 'It means the knowledge of all fruits and herbs and balms and spices; it means carefulness, and inventiveness, and watchfulness, and willingness, and readiness of appliance; it means the economy of your great grandmothers and the science of modern chemists?'"

#### Food Values

"We can not all buy just the same kind of foods, nor would we care to; but we do want to know the relative value of foods, and how to combine them properly."

"There is certainly no economy in buying cheap food; but that does not mean that we should always buy that which costs the most. Milk, dry peas, beans, lentils, and the grains will furnish us by far a greater amount of nutrition than other foods which we might choose, and which would be bought at much greater expense; but whatever we get, let us have the best and most wholesome of its kind. Variety, too, should be sought as much as possible. We do not need a host of separate dishes at the same meal, but our dinner to-morrow should be entirely different from the one served today. In order to accomplish this, the housekeeper must take a lively interest in arranging the menus, and occasionally must visit the markets herself. By doing this she can often arrange little surprises that add much to a meal, and yet make the additional cost very little."

"If man is known by what he eats, as some people insist on telling us, I think most of us would do well to keep an eye on our bills of fare," exclaimed Maud.

"At any rate our health is often materially affected by what we eat," observed Mrs. Eddy; "and if we only knew how to select our food with reference to our needs, we might add years to our life."

#### Various Nutritive Values

"In the first place nearly all our foods contain, in proportion, some more and some less, the elements, carbonates, nitrates, and phosphates. These, with the necessary waste material, which gives bulk to our food, form our principal food material, and fully meet the requirements of nature in imparting strength to the bones and muscles and vitality to the brain and nerves. The carbonates are the heat and force-producing foods, and constitute by far the largest part of all foods. In this class we have the starchy foods as rice, potatoes, buckwheat, portions of the grains, and all sugars. The nitrates supply the muscles with strength; such

foods as meat, cheese, fish, lentils, peas, and beans are found in this class. The phosphates give vitality to the brain and strength to the bones: shell fish, lean meats, active fishes, and birds belong in this class."

#### Importance of Proper Diet

"Doesn't it seem odd," interrupted Mrs. Adams, "that we have not thought of these things before and given closer supervision over the preparation of our meals! Only yesterday did I read that in five cities in the United States over sixteen thousand children had been taken out of the public schools because their nervous systems were wrecked; of course, as is usual, the author of the article attributed all this evil to the cramming processes of the American public-school system; but I was told, on very good authority, that in many of these cases the trouble might have been averted if the children had been furnished with a proper diet—one containing more of the phosphates. Did you ever notice how children, in selecting portions of chicken, almost always show a decided preference for the white meat, which in reality possesses no more nutriment than so much white bread, while the darker portions, which are rich in the phosphates and nitrates, are refused?"

"These facts show that we do not know how to appreciate our foods," remarked our hostess. "In all probability most of these children, as well as hosts of others in the same condition, were put under a doctor's care, and tended with loving solicitude by their anxious parents."

#### The Bread-Making Problem

"You know you promised to tell us something about bread," said Maud, sweetly, as she passed her cup to Mrs. Eddy, and helped herself to another sandwich. Bread-making, she admitted had long been her Rubicon which she had not dared attempt to cross; so that all the bread-stuffs consumed in her household were always purchased at the bakery. Upon one or two occasions she had tried very hard; but it had always ended in a burial scene somewhere out in the back yard. "You know I felt too much ashamed of myself to put it in the refuse bucket," she added, "for fear some one might find me out."

Our Lostess informed us that the bread from which she had made her sandwiches, and which we all pronounced delicious, was made of whole wheat flour, "And," she continued, "the flour I consider first in importance. It is not so difficult to make bread in these days of compressed yeast, if one is careful to have pure wheat flour. We should use more of the entire wheat, and less of white flour; for with the improved machinery that we have nowadays, and the desire on the part of the millers to produce a perfectly white flour, there is in the finest white article really little or nothing but the starchy part of the grain. Suppose we examine a kernel of wheat; first there is the external tegument, which is of a hard, woody substance; this is what we call bran, and is wholly indigestible. Then there is an inner portion of several layers, containing gluten and all the necessary muscle-making elements, but these are discarded in making white flour. The white center, which is by far the larger part of the grain, is retained. This, however, is almost entirely composed of the carbonaceous elements, with only a sprinkling of the brain-and-muscle-making elements. Then there is what we call the germ, very small as compared with the rest of the kernel, but containing a large amount of the phosphates. This of course is discarded; for it would darken the flour. Thus we see how little of real value we have left of the wheat after it has been ground into white flour, while graham flour contains the whole of the wheat, it also contains more or less of the outer husk, or covering; when this is eliminated, we have what we call whole-wheat flour."



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A Labor Saver

To prepare pumpkin for pies, try cutting pumpkin in quarters, or smaller, and baking until the pulp can be scraped from the skin with a large spoon. Be careful not to brown. The pulp can then be boiled down until ready to put through a collander.—M. W. S.

About Pies

In baking pies, the oven at first should be as hot as for cookies or biscuits, then gradually decrease the heat. This prevents boiling over which disfigures the pie, as well as wastes its richness. It is also well to have a rather deep tin if one wishes a thick pie.—M. E.

Corn Meal Mush

In stirring mush, use a strong wire potato masher, instead of a paddle or spoon, and see how much easier to stir and make smooth, and free from lumps. Corn mush should be cooked not less than one hour; two would be better and three better still. Stop putting in meal before it is near thick enough, as the heat expands it, and evaporation helps thicken it.—D. B.

When Cake Sticks to the Pan

When removing a cake from the oven after it is baked, if it does not come out easily wring a cloth out of cold water; fold, and lay on table; set the hot pan on this for a few moments and the contents can be removed smooth and entire without the slightest difficulty.—G. H. S.

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Deviled Eggs

Boil eggs steadily for forty minutes and lay in cold water for five minutes and remove the shells. When perfectly cold cut each egg into halves; remove yolks, mash them perfectly smooth and to each dozen add two tablespoons softened butter, one tablespoon vinegar, one teaspoon made mustard, salt and pepper to taste. Blend these ingredients thoroughly and heap the mixture in hollow whites.—Mrs. J. S. M.

To Sew on Lace

In sewing on lace that is to be gathered, always pull it up with the cord next the straight edge and it will sew on much easier and be smoother than if gathered in the regular way.—E. R. H.

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A Hint for Wash Day

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## St. Patrick

BY G. E. LESLIE

Many people wonder why some friends of Saint Patrick persist in denying that he banished the snakes. They apparently think there is nothing about that to be ashamed of, so long as no one claims that he took any unscrupulous advantage of the snakes.

Banishing a few snakes that may chance to cross one's path from time to time is all right; and if they happen to be large, well-developed reptiles, or if they display a provoking unwillingness to shuffle off their mortal coil when a good opportunity has been given them, it may amount to a certain variety of popularity, and be productive of a degree of pardonable pride to banish them.

But for one's imperishable fame to rest largely on the false supposition that he made a specialty of banishing reptiles, is different. Any one can see that banishing snakes for a regular pastime is a low kind of business. It would probably be as honorable a vocation as that of a circus snake-charmer, and no less exalted than that of devouring snakes for public amusement; but it is not an occupation that any of us would advise our ancestors to adopt in the present state of the art. No one boasts now that his mother or grandmother was Mlle De Tulseau, the queen of snake-charmers; or that his favorite uncle was Bosco, the Australian snake-eater.

Aside from all this, Saint Patrick was a modest man, and was averse to notoriety of any kind. It is difficult for us to comprehend such unusual traits in men; but we must remember that he lived fifteen hundred years ago, and that his early training and environments were different from that of most of the young men of the twentieth century. For six years his life was that of a mountain shepherd. Cut off from the world of vanity and from all the social haunts of vice, he contracted habits of modesty and reticence that would sit awkwardly on our society men, and would make them objects of suppressed comment everywhere. He loved music, but strangely preferred the simple, uncultured notes of the mocking-birds and wild canaries to the operas and cantatas of the masters. He was not at home in society. He never attended a full-dress French ball in his life, nor a banquet of the far famed Gridiron Club. He knew nothing of the art and beauty that flitted behind the foot-lights or before them either. If he had gone to an eight-course six-thirty function, he would have been as innocent as David Harum at the Price dinner party. Growing up thus, Saint Patrick's character was robbed of that sparkling and shimmering richness of exterior that is now in such favor with the elite everywhere.

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through,  
If you just hold yourself together.  
But if you go flying off into space,  
The devil will sure win the heat,  
And when it's all over, you'll have to admit  
'Twas your temper that caused your defeat.

### It Didn't Work

They were alone in the parlor. She  
had twisted the conversation around un-  
til they were discussing names.  
"I like your name," she coyly re-  
marked, with a tailor-made twinkle in  
her off eye.  
"But you can't have it, Miss Blank,"  
he blurted out, "unless you marry my  
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cluded it was time to discontinue. Since  
then our scraps go unrecorded."

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school, one of the questions asked was:  
"Name four insects to be found upon a  
farm." The paper handed in by one of  
the boy pupils answered the question  
thusly: "Head lice, body lice, sheep  
ticks and potato bugs."

Johnnie was watching a hen which had  
just lost her head at the chopping-block.  
She bled profusely, and after observing  
that fact for some time, he sagely re-  
marked that she must have been a "full-  
blooded Brown Leghorn."

When you catch yourself imagining  
that you are a trifesmarter than anybody  
else, just try and carry two pails of milk,  
and a lantern simultaneously, up a steep,  
icy path, and watch the conceit ooze out  
of you.

A clergyman met a young parishioner  
whom he had missed for some time:  
"Good morning, James! and are you  
still trying to be good?"  
"No, sir, I'm studying to be a law-  
yer."

Farmer Parsley was hit in the eye  
while threshing beans with a flail. Now  
he is spending all his spare time trying  
to figure out how a fellow could get a  
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beans.

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farmer who won't cheerfully grind out  
a hundred or two revolutions on it while  
his wife is singing the baby to sleep, is  
a disgrace to the profession.

"Come home at noon," cautioned a  
parent to his seven-year-old, "for we  
don't sponge our meals, you know."  
"Nope," was the curt reply, "we don't  
sponge 'em, we eat 'em dirty."

When snow banks are piled to the top of the fence;  
When staying indoors shows a man's common  
sense;  
When the wind howls and screeches to beat the  
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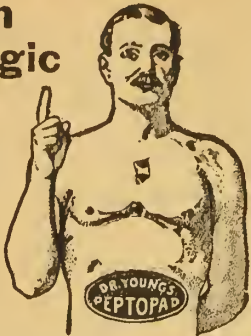
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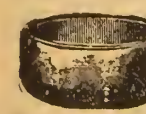
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## At the Point of the Needle

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solid embroidery on this part of the design is much richer. Embroider the



flowers and foliage solid, with long-and-short stitches.

## Hair Receiver

Peculiarly feminine, indeed, is this necessary adjunct to every woman's dresser. Possibly a plain tin cup tied round with a knitted sack has answered the purpose heretofore, but now that the wild rose is becoming dominant in the room, the thought soon finds audible expression: "I must have a wild rose hair receiver" as a result she sends for the design shown in the accompanying illustration. When it arrives she finds it 9 inches high; tinted in colors on white lawn, and including cone for inside; made in one design only, and requiring about six skeins Grecian Floss.



## General Suggestions

There are several other designs for articles of beauty and utility that would admirably beset a wild rose sleeping room, designs for which may be had by writing the editor of this department.

The needle worker doing wild rose designs will find the following suggestions both timely and helpful.

Prepare the silk before beginning the work. Cut through the knot on the skein and open out the two ends. Slip the tag down the skein, to the center of the skein, and fold the two ends together. After all the skeins have been prepared in this manner, gather all the pink shades together and braid in one strand, beginning at the center of the skein, where it is folded; braid down to the ends of the skeins. Repeat the operation for the green silk for the foliage.

**FLOWERS.**—The petals of the Roses may be embroidered solid, or half-solid; with long-and-short stitch. If half-solid work is preferred, then, two or three rows of the long-and-short stitches must be worked across the larger petals. Two rows of the long-and-short stitches will be sufficient for the smaller petals. The more nearly solid the embroidery the handsomer will be the finished article. Start on one side of a petal and work a row of long-and-short stitch straight across the top of the petal; when the opposite margin has been reached, go down the side of the petal with an outline stitch, to a point that shall mark the lower edge of the second row of long-and-short stitches; work back to the opposite margin, blending the stitches of the second row well back between the stitches in the first row of long-and-short stitches. Do not cross or split a stitch in the first row, when blending in the stitches of the second row. Keep the lower edges of the long-and-short stitch rows irregular. The lower edge of the last row of long-and-short stitches should be quite uneven, the long stitches coming well below the shorter stitches in the row.

**FOLIAGE.**—Work the leaves half-solid, with long-and-short stitch. Start at the tip end of a leaf and, on one side of the center-vein, work a row of long-and-short stitch down the side of the leaf, to the stem. Slant the stitch toward the center vein. One row of long-and-short stitches can be made to cover each half of the leaf with solid embroidery, if the long stitches are brought almost to the center vein. For solid embroidery, two or three rows of the long-and-short stitches will be required. In using a second row, be careful to blend the stitches of the second row back between the stitches of the first row. When one-half the leaf has been completed, repeat the work on the opposite half. Outline the vein down the center of the leaf with Grecian Floss.

**STEMS.**—Embroider the stems solid, with satin stitch, taken diagonally across the width of the stem. Or, with long-and-short stitches, as may be preferred.

**BUDS.**—Work the buds solid. The green case on the bud is the calyx. The calyx is attached to the stem, and is round, like a small ball; this calyx extends up the bud, and is divided into small sepals. Embroider the calyx and sepals solid, with long-and-short stitches. When the sepals are opened, the color of the bud shows through, and should be worked solid, with long-and-short stitches.

If any reader finds it impossible to purchase any designs illustrated and described in the department from her local dealer, or desires information as to any of the embroidery designs, the editor will be glad to supply her with the desired information free of charge. Address all communications to Miss Lauretta Miller, Editor Embroidery Department, Vick's Magazine, Dansville, N. Y.

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## Future Features of the New Vick's

Elsewhere in this issue announcement is made of the editorial policy and attitude of Vick's Magazine, but on this page the publishers desire to have a heart to heart chat with our readers as to the many interesting new features that will be found in early numbers of this publication. The April issue will be a

### Sunshine Number

And will be pervaded throughout with the delightful and ever welcome quality of sunshine. The artistic cover design will beautifully typify the theme of the month and will prepossess every one who sees it in favor of the magazine. The leading article will be by one of the world's most famous and best known press-women, Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, President-General of the International Sunshine Society. Therein Mrs. Alden will, in her own peculiarly fascinating style, give our readers an account of the founding, history, growth, and splendid achievements of this most deserving organization. Another important feature of the April issue will be two symposia, one contributed to by eminent men of our country in all walks of life, and the other by women equally eminent, in which all will briefly give their views as to the Sunshine movement and its importance, also as to the human welfare policy advocated by this magazine. Other departments for the month in keeping with the Sunshine idea will be: Sunshine and Flowers, Sunshine in Song, Building for Sunshine, etc. It is with very great pleasure the publishers announce that, beginning with the April number,

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### The Arbor Day Number

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### The Good Roads Number

Of the New Vick's will be the June issue, which will be a thoroughly up-to-date embodiment of the best achievement of the American people thus far in securing for themselves and their posterity, one of the greatest of civic blessings—Good Roads. More definite details will be given next month.

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### Early Attention Valuable

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### The Fight With Vermin

Rat holes must be looked after. During the cold weather, when everything was closed up, they found many a good hiding place, from which, if not driven away now, they will plan their ever successful battle upon the little chicks. Nothing is so discouraging as to have one by one of our little pets thus carried away. It is now that this pest can be fought most successfully.

The nests for setting hens should be gotten ready now. Have you extra places, where they can sit undisturbed? Perhaps you remember how that fine setting of eggs was spoiled just because your laying hens wanted to use the same nest that was occupied by the setting hen. Did your hens last year hatch in places frequently passed by teams or on the same floor with the ever stamping horses? Does not this account for your poor hatches? Think it over. This jarring hurts the eggs. Make arrangements for a better place now.

### A House for Setting

The best way is to have some separate room. Most persons, especially those in the country, have some old room or vacant shed at their disposal for this purpose. Rig up a row of nests on the floor, with removable fronts. Here you set all your hens, making it much handier and saving many a step by not being compelled to run to a dozen different places to look after each one separately.

### The Setting Hen—Her Care

Feed and water them twice a day, the first thing in the morning and again before dark in the afternoon. Have plenty of fresh food and water each time you feed. Let the hens out one by one and they will soon learn what is wanted, when the front of their nest is opened. It will not take long before they go back to duty and, should one forget that duty calls her, gently drive her back.

In one corner have some dry road dust for an occasional bath, this they will relish very much and it helps them to

keep healthy and free from vermin. Have a box or better still a grit box filled with charcoal, grit, oystershell and the like; it all helps to keep the little worker in better health and shortens the long weeks they have to remain quiet. Of course it is understood that you have carefully dusted each hen and nest well with some good insect powder before starting her on her job, for well we know that the heat that hatches the little chicks, also hatches the chicks' worst enemy—the lice. It is here where most young stock receives a set back, hard to overcome again. Always remember, to be successful with geese, ducks, pigeons, in fact any poultry, you must fight their worst enemy—the lice, first, last, and all the time. Tobacco stems and pine shavings are best for nesting material for poultry as well as pigeons.

### Eggs for Setting

If you have attended to all this you are now ready to await results. During the weeks of anxious waiting you will ask yourself many a time "What will the harvest be?" You have looked after all the details of hatching, but have you done the same and given equal attention to the most important part? Are you satisfied that you have given your breeding stock the proper attention before using eggs from them? What good does all your work do you now if the eggs you set, come from unhealthy, over fat, or poor conditioned stock. You cannot expect good strong, fertile eggs from stock shut up in over-crowded, ill-ventilated and poorly cleaned houses. Select eggs from the most vigorous stock, not birds that have had a cold all winter, even if they are getting over it now, or ones that have been sitting around, too lazy to move. No. Use the eggs from stock that scratch for their living from morning till night. It is this hen—the real hustler in hendom—that will give you the sturdy, well developed chick that grows with every hour, one that gives pleasure as well as profit.

In closing, a few words regarding the freshness of the eggs will not come amiss. An egg, if it is fertile, starts to incubate while passing through the oviduct of the hen. When it is laid the lower temperature checks the growth of the germ, and holds it in suspension, so that it naturally follows, that every day that elapses before the egg is put below the hen, causes some degree of loss of vitality and makes the eggs less liable to hatch and hatching a less sturdy chick. Eggs kept in forty to fifty degrees fahrenheit will keep much longer and produce better chicks than those kept in varying temperature. After you put the eggs under the hens remember this well, which applies to the pigeons fully as well as to larger fowl—Don'tinker with the eggs during incubation.

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- 3—Burning or obstruction of urine.
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- 6—Gas or pain in the stomach.
- 7—General debility, weakness, dizziness.
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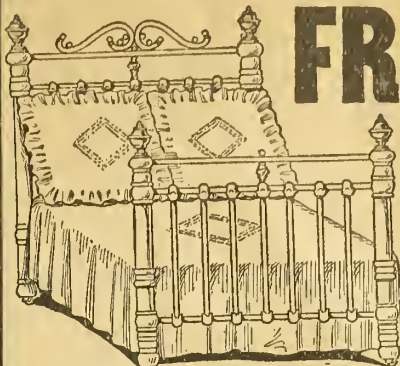
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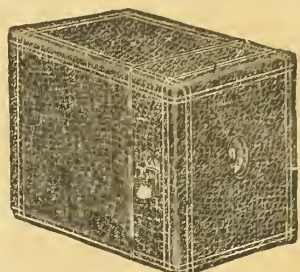
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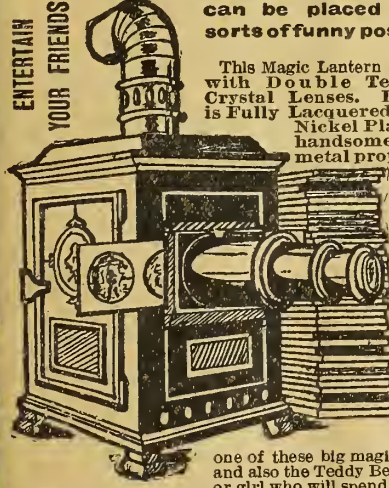
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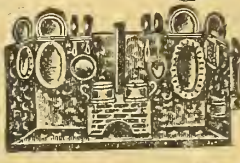
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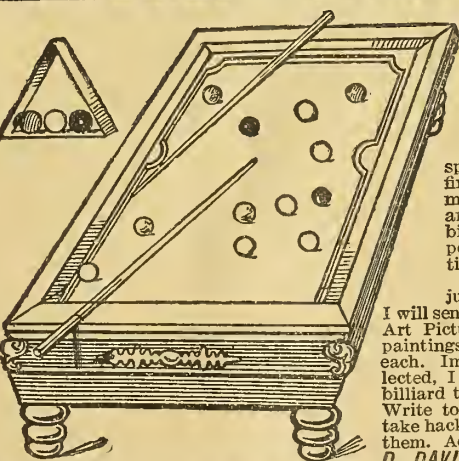


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# Theobroma

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who had taken offense at the drastic measures adopted by him to prevent the custom. After his death the women triumphed and the old-time custom again revived in all its glory (?), tinkling, and clatter, and resulting irreverence.

From more recent authorities on the culture of the succulent cacao berry and the uses made of it we learn that it was first found in Mexico and brought delight to the hearts of its consumers when it was introduced abroad. It is now grown in the West Indies, Central, and South America, extensively, and its cultivation has been introduced into some parts of Asia and Africa. Trees grow with a bare stem to the height of six or seven feet, dividing into many branches and attaining a height of only about eighteen feet in all, as a rule. The trees have large undivided leaves and clustered flowers. They yield two principal crops yearly. The fruit is a five-angled capsule, of a substance half leathery and half woody, containing many seeds in a butter-like pulp. The pods, which are six or eight inches long, are yellow, and red on the side next the sun. Fifty to one hundred seeds are found enclosed in each of the pods. A fragile skin or shell covers the dark-brown, oily, aromatic, bitter kernel. Cultivated trees produce larger seeds.

There are two methods by which the cocoa beans are extracted. Sometimes the cucumber-like pods are placed in heaps on the ground or in earthen vessels and allowed to stay for five days' fermentation, after which the pods are opened by hand. The seeds are dried by the sun or by artificial heat. Clay rotting is the other method and this is said by some growers to produce best results. The cocoa fruit is buried in clay or earth till the pulp becomes rotten, when the beans, or seeds, are extracted and dried. The beans are then shipped in great bags to the factories, where the beans are first roasted in the great revolving ovens, some what as are peanuts. And skill is here required because there must not be a bit too much heat applied. When properly roasted, the cocoa beans are broken by machinery, the "shells" falling into a place by themselves, down to the lower floor of the building where they are carted away to be used as fertilizer. At the same time that the shells are being separated from the kernel, the "nibs," as the broken bits of bean are called, are being passed through wire in such a manner that nibs of different sizes are taken care of by themselves. The nibs are reduced to powder by grinding and pressure.

Afterwards, the cocoa butter is extracted from a certain proportion of the cocoa. It would be well at this stage to state that this is the American process which we are considering and American manufacturers feel that it is far better than the foreign method. Across the water the cocoa beans, after being roasted, are chemically treated. An alkali process yielding "soluble cocoa" is employed. The American manufacturers recognize no need or gain in this method and it is surely true that in American cocoa and chocolate the purchaser gets the pure article.

It is a great pleasure to note in this connection that one of the most successful American manufacturers of cocoa and chocolate, The Walter A. Baker Co., to whom we are indebted for the loan of the accompanying illustrations, constantly takes an intelligent interest both in the welfare of its patrons and that of its thousands of employees. In Massachusetts, where its immense factories are located, the company has provided generously for the intellectual and social well being of its army of employees. The factory buildings are kept neat, sweet, clean, and in a perfectly sanitary condition and the employees are provided with a beautiful club house with ample grounds, where opportunities are afforded for all kinds of athletics and sports, social entertainments, study and debating clubs etc. Thus is this great company of world wide fame not only building up one of the nation's most notable business successes, but is also adding its share to the sum of happiness here on earth and showing a real heart interest in human welfare.

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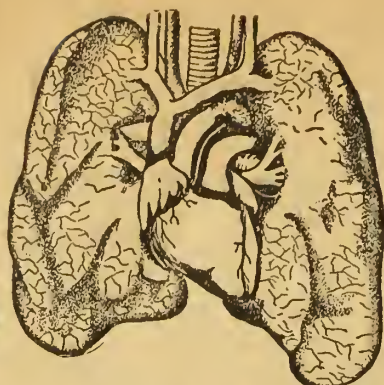
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## Old Nole's Awakening

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ing in the last five psalms, and calling upon "everything that hath breath to praise the Lord."

When mother had her new gowns all made, father and she went to visit all the folks. How father looked after her on the train, and how proud he felt of her in her new clothes! When she grew a little weary on the journey, and was lying back on the seat, father laid her head on his shoulder, and drew the blind so the sun would not dazzle in her eyes, and snugly hugged her up to him, with a little smiling joke, as he looked down into her eyes through her new gold-bowed spectacles.

A young girl said to a friend in the seat behind them: "Did you ever? What a loving old husband! Isn't it lovely to see that kind of attention given to an old wife? He must be a perfectly lovely husband!"

With that up starts mother, and says, with twinkling, smiling eyes, and happy, shining face, "He is just the best old husband alive, and I hope you'll be as happy in your sixties as I am in mine. I wouldn't marry another man on earth."

"Not even Shannon," chuckled old Noles.

"And I'm an old fool."

"I'm so glad. I just wish we'd been fools all our lives. We've missed it being so sensible."

"That's so," said Noles, patting her hand; "but we'll try and redeem the time by a little more foolishness than is usually seen in people of our age."

## Fertilizing Wheat

Prof. A. M. Soule in Southern Farm Magazine

The advisability of using commercial fertilizers on wheat is borne out by the following data obtained in experiments made under the writer's direction, and further illustrate the importance of supplying soils with vegetable matter on which complete fertilizers are used. On rather thin land on which cowpeas were plowed under and an application of nitrate of soda at the rate of seventy-five pounds and muriate of potash at the rate of thirty-seven five tenths pounds were applied the cost of a bushel of increase was twenty-two cents. On the same land treated in like manner an application of 150 pounds of acid phosphate and thirty-seven and five tenths pounds of muriate of potash gave a bushel of increase at a cost of sixteen cents. In these two instances the increase from the use of fertilizers was between ten and eleven bushels per acre. Acid phosphate alone applied at the rate of 500 pounds per acre gave a bushel of increase at a cost of twenty-seven cents. We are of the opinion that practically the same increase would have been obtained from possibly half the application, which would have reduced the cost of a bushel of increase quite materially. Where a complete fertilizer was used at the rate of 300 pounds per acre the cost of a bushel of increase was twenty-seven cents. These figures are quoted to show that fertilizers properly compounded and used on wheat will increase the yield quite markedly and at a cost that is profitable to the farmer. Besides that, all the fertilizer applied to the wheat crop is not used by it, and there is a residue left in the soil which will put it in better condition for succeeding crops.

It sometimes happens, says "The North American" of Philadelphia, that the historian skips the most interesting incidents in giving an account of the customs and habits of a race of people. Thus it comes about that it is not generally known that there were colored slaveholders in the South before the war. Negroes actually owned slaves and bought and sold men and women of their own race the same as did white people. In the official list of taxpayers published in Charleston, S. C., in 1860 the names of 132 colored people were given as the owners of 390 slaves in that city. Many owned from one to seven each, three held twelve, one thirteen, and one fourteen.

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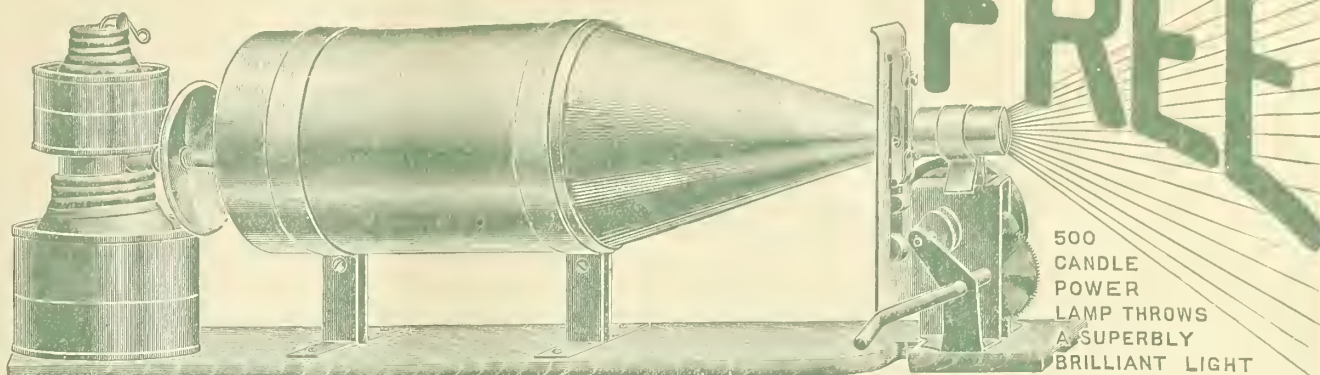


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and shouted: "Spring is com-  
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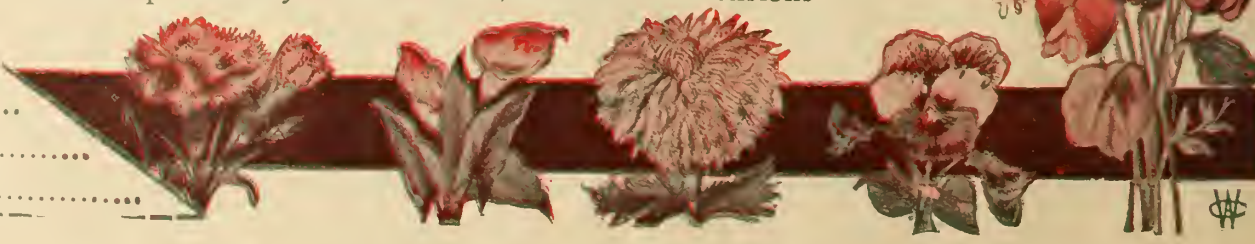
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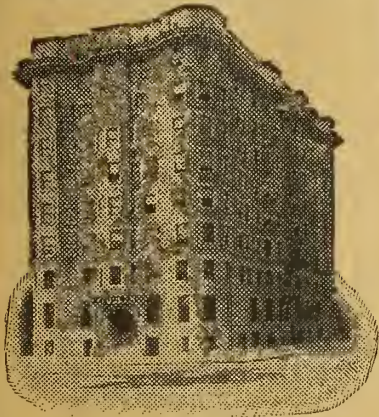
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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Under Human Welfare on page 24 will be found special announcements regarding Arbor Day and Good Roads features of the May and June numbers respectively. While the general theme of these two numbers will relate to the subjects named, the regular departments of the magazine will be maintained at high-tide quality and interest. The second installment of the splendid floral matter furnished us by the celebrated writer,

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Will appear and our readers will find it of exceptional value at this joyous spring-time season of the year when all are busy planning and planting for the harvest of both flowers and fruit hoped for later in the season. A specially interesting new department will be begun in the May number entitled Pulpit Talks on

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### CONSTANT IMPROVEMENT THE WATCHWORD

No pains will be spared to make each succeeding number of this publication more interesting, more beautiful, and in every way better than any of its predecessors. Every issue will have a distinctively human welfare interest and will

be devoted to some special line of endeavor leading on to the betterment of conditions that environ our modern life. This magazine is deeply interested in all that pertains to the well being of humanity everywhere and invites the co-operation of all who are in like manner interested therein.

### OUR SPLENDID OFFERS

Our readers should bear in mind that they may send in their renewals at any time, and their time subscriptions will be extended so that they will not receive two copies. It is always wise, however, to state that you are an old subscriber, and also use the same signature that you used on your previous orders.

We would call especial attention to our offers of Roses and Cinnamon Vines advertised on the inside of the front cover. The Roses and Vines are just as described. Directions for planting accompany both. If you do not wish the Roses or Cinnamon Vines, you may send in fifty cents for the renewal of your subscription, and we shall be glad to send the premiums to whomever you may wish.

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To State Forestry and Good Roads Commissioners, Educators, Editors, Public Officials, Officers of Women's Clubs and Commercial Bodies, and all Public-Spirited Citizens

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Knowing that the homely woman with deep lines and furrows must fight an unequal battle with her younger and better looking sister, many resorted to annoying and even dangerous experiments trying to regain their former youthful appearance. This new discovery, however, will do away with all these rash measures, as the treatment is harmless and simple. It is said that aside from banishing wrinkles in from one to three nights it is a great aid to beauty, making the skin soft and velvety and beautifying the complexion. Many who have followed Miss Ellison's advice look from five to twenty years younger, and, judging by the number of replies she is receiving daily, people are not slow at taking advantage of her generous offer.

It comes as a surprise that the discovery should be made by a modest little woman in Scranton when our large cities are full of beauty doctors and specialists who have sought in vain for a treatment that would turn back the clock of time and place the imprint of youth on the fast-fleeting footsteps of age, but far more surprising is the fact that she is to remain where she is.

In speaking of her discovery she, said: "Yes I know there would be many advantages in my going to some of the large cities, but I have made arrangements to give particulars of my treatment free to all who write me, so that the women in every city and town may have the benefits of my discovery."

This statement shows that she is both broad-minded and generous, and all who wish to banish their wrinkles and improve their complexion should write her at once. Her address is:

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# How Women Beautify Themselves



## Some Secrets Worth Knowing

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WARM weather has begun to smile upon us once more and with it comes some new duties for the woman who would preserve the beauty of her skin which from now on will be more or less exposed and subject to tan, freckles and blotches. These latter blemishes are the most annoying because they just will crop out and disfigure one. Still, there is a remedy for them.

Just now, I am receiving a great many letters about this particular form of annoyance, and a little careful reasoning will show that perhaps it is largely our own fault that they are there.

Their appearance on the face and not on the body is due to the fact that we are pursuing a course of facial treatment that has opened up the pores where the treatments are thoroughly and conscientiously performed to the utter neglect of the remainder of the body, and as a matter of fact, the pores of the skin of the face are very active and are practically doing a large part of the duty of those of the whole body.

The quickest, the surest, and the only way to rid oneself of this trouble is to thoroughly cleanse the pores of the skin of the whole body and thus distribute the labor of throwing off this poisonous excrements.

### Cleanse the Blood

At this time of the year some good blood cleanser should be taken and I am a firm believer in our Grandmother's old and reliable remedy of sulphur, cream of tartar and molasses. Go to your druggist and he will prepare for you the first two ingredients in their proper proportions at a small cost, then add the molasses and beat it well until thoroughly mixed. The dose to be taken is a teaspoonful each morning before breakfast for a period of from ten days to two weeks. As the sulphur is heavy and settles this preparation should be thoroughly stirred each time before taking. It is a mild laxative and an excellent skin bleach. While taking this treatment, the pores of the skin should be kept clean by a daily sponge bath and brisk rubbing, after which the body is ready for the next very important step, which is massaging.

Of course, in making these suggestions I am assuming that your general health is good, for if you have any ailment that is sapping your vitality, or your digestion is impaired, you must remedy that before you can hope to accomplish the beautifying of your face or form. You must not expect, either, to accomplish too much all at once. Remember that the marks placed upon you by ill health and time were of a gradual and constant process and it will take time and patience to remove them.

For the development of the bust and for filling out the little hollows in the neck and shoulders, a good flesh food should be massaged into the skin liberally and preferably just before retiring, so that it may remain on all night. The following morning a spitting of cold water applied with the palms and a brisk rub with a coarse towel will invigorate you. After drying the skin, rub briskly with the palms and get into your clothing quickly.

In addition to this, you should practice inhaling deeply and as often as you can think of it. Just fill your lungs as full of air as you comfortably can and then exhale it slowly. In a very short time you will experience a sense of exhilaration that will amply repay you for the few minutes spent daily in this exercise.

### Removing Wrinkles

Once again I am confronted with the inquiry "How can I remove the wrinkles from my face?" and I must answer as I have always done heretofore, "Massage treatments with a good flesh food is the sovereign remedy."

When massaging the lines of the forehead from temple to temple, it is wise to use only the soft balls of the finger tips, as the palms of the hands and the entire finger are not so soft and delicate. Place the finger

moistened with the Flesh Food so that the pores may drink in every possible bit of its nutriment. Continue this movement for about five minutes and a little longer will do no harm.

Another and more difficult movement, which is more important to learn, is the rotary movement. This is done by placing the tips of the first and second finger on the cheek about an inch from the corner of the mouth, circling inward and gradually working upward in little circles nearly to the outer corner of the eye. Then begin again a little farther back on the cheek and work upward over the temple to a point high upon the forehead circling in toward the center. This movement should be continued for a period of about five minutes on each cheek.

Massaging around the eyes is always the most delicate part of the work and a more gentle stroke should be employed. You should begin by placing the finger tip just above the inner corner of the eye bringing it down and then outward past the outer corner of the eye. Next commence at the inner corner of the upper lid bringing the finger upward and outward in a curved line just below the eyebrow. These two movements should be very gentle, and extreme care used not to press the eye ball.

It should be remembered that the upward strokes should be used wherever practicable as the downward strokes have a tendency to cause the face to droop or sag. The finger tips should be placed on the chin and slightly underneath it. Draw them backward toward the ear and then upward, when the palms may be employed to take a firmer hold and strengthen up these muscles.

Last of all, after you have become familiar with the different movements, you may finish by going over the entire face alternating them, when you will experience such a glorious sensation of rest and eased muscles as will amply repay you for the efforts put forth. This treatment faithfully followed will surely show beneficial results in the appearance of your face, but be sure that you make no error in the selection of your Flesh Food. A cold Cream will not suffice for flesh building and the removal of wrinkles. What you need is a flesh food prepared by a physician who understands the requirements of the skin and tissue for their development. The preparation must be nourishing and stimulating and I can cheerfully recommend the Dr. Charles Flesh Food which is an old friend of many years. It is prepared by the Dr. Charles Co., Dutch & Fulton Streets., New York City. They have been making an offer to the readers of "Vicks," of one box of their Flesh Food, one box of their exquisite Face Powder and a cake of their Healing Soap by mail and in a plain sealed wrapper for one dollar. As this is the time of year when tan, freckles and blotches must be guarded against, this offer comes at a convenient time and I would advise all of my women friends who have not tried these preparations to take advantage of this liberal offer.



tips in the center of the forehead and draw them gently but firmly outward toward the temple. Never rub the reverse way (toward the center) as that tends to increase and emphasize the lines. Keep the fingers well



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AT HOME

THE EDITOR



It is doubtful if the historic Christian Church has perpetuated to the modern world any other festival with a setting more beautiful and fitting, and a suggestiveness more inspiring to higher ideals and nobler living than is Easter. The word "perpetuated" is used in this connection advisedly, as it is well known that the annual celebration of Easter was observed largely throughout the civilized world generations before the dawn of the Christian era. To be sure the day in that far-away time signified much less than now, as the rise of christianity has not only added to the ancient observances, but has also imparted to them a vastly higher spiritual meaning.

In the olden days the Easter festival celebrated the glorious awakening of all Nature, which spring-time invariably brings. Becoming was it, then as now, to celebrate with joyful enthusiasm this revivifying, this rising up, this resurrection of the mighty powers of beneficent Nature. With the dawning of the new era, when, "in the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea," Easter came to symbolize not simply the annual revival of life as seen in material forms, but that soul awakening, that resurrection of spiritual life, which is the portion of every human intelligence when in tune with the Infinite—the Power Eternal that eternally works for righteousness.

The pervading spirit of the Eastertide is that of joy and beauty,—the joy of beauty and the beauty of joy. With all Nature making utmost effort to clothe herself with a mantle of beauty, man can scarcely do otherwise than to become a co-worker with the great Master Artist in the creation of things beautiful. Thus do we have the art divine conjoined in beautiful wedlock to the art of man. The exquisite beauties revealed in Nature,—the gorgeous sunset; the scintillating, far-distant stars; the high,

The Eastertide, Its Joy, Beauty, Art  
up-rearing mountains, crowned with eternal snows, and the bright-hued and fragrant flowers nestling at their feet; the wide-spreading verdant valley; the singing of the birds; the lowing of the cattle upon a thousand hills; the gurgling of the forest streamlet; the sighing of the summer breeze; the merry prattle of little children,—all these, through the medium of the senses, find access to the inner sanctuary of the human soul, where impressions more or less enduring are recorded. Man's successful efforts to give expression to these impressions is the art of man. As the Creator's purpose in beautifying this world was and is too make it a desirable place of habitation for the race, so should man's object, in making reflections of nature's manifold beauties, be to cause the surroundings of his fellow-mortals to be such as will make them happier and better,—such as will lead them ever onward, through the delightful avenues of the beautiful, up to the good and the true.

The history of art proves that many of its most celebrated adepts have looked upon art as an end, not a means; have not sought to make it a means of giving to the many benefit, blessing, joy, peace, happiness, and inspiration to nobler aspiration and better life. Too often has the fee—"current money with the merchant," and honeyed words of praise from the favored few—been their only purpose. Even in that period when Italian art was at the zenith of its glory, only the ruling classes shared in

its benefits. To the common people art was a sealed book. Truly has a noted clergyman said: "It was an age of marble for rich men; but an age of mud for peasants. It was an era of art for princes, an era of ugliness and squalor for the common people." Speaking of this time, Frederick Harrison has well said: "They (the masses) were cooped up in walled towns with narrow courts and sunless alleys. They slept in airless, windowless, pestiferous chambers, wearing the same leather garments for successive generations, piling the refuse in the backyard, walking along streets narrow and unpaved, through which man and beast trampled knee-deep in noisome mire. Every church was crammed with corpses and reeked with vile odors, even the banqueting hall of the castle being built above dungeons where prisoners were reeking in dampness and filth."

But since that gloom-enshrouded day the spirit of light, love, and liberty has, in large measure, broken the shackles wherewith the masses of the people were bound. Knowledge has been increased, stagnation has abated, human ingenuity has been quickened, invention has resulted, the useful arts have been multiplied, and thus have the people been brought in touch with the wonderful creations of the great masters. Through the marvelous progress made in the art of pictorial reproduction, we now find in nearly every home copies of the great pictures of Raphael, Angelo, and other celebrated artists. Thus, though some of these gifted painters may not have had the loftiest aim in view, their works have come to make glad and bless the children of men.

In order to make the earth a pleasant, happy, and good home for his creatures, God spread over all his works a mantle of beauty. What nobler object then

could the art of man have than to make happier and better and sweeter and purer the homes of all the people, and who can be more a benefactor of mankind than he who aids in making home beautiful, without and within,—beautiful in all its environs and approaches,—beautiful in its interior arrangements and appointments,—and, above all, beautiful in the lives of love lived therein? In this glorious work all may have a part.

No scene or picture is perfect in its beauty, in any part of which appears the least defect or lack of harmony. So also there can be no perfectly happy individual human life, no perfection of soul-beauty, so long as any human life is defective, joyless, and lacking in soul-beauty. Each human life is a part of all human life, and all is inseparably a part of each. As the joy of each is by right the joy of all, so also the sorrow of each is the sorrow of all. True it is, as the great apostle Paul well says, when one member of the body suffers, the whole body suffers with it. This being so, he who truly participates in Easter joy and beauty cannot be content until all are partakers with him. He will do his utmost in every possible way to give forth freely to others both the best that he is and the best that he has, in order to bring to them the same sunshine that brightens his own life. He will not look dreamily forward to some far-away sometime or somewhere for an opportunity to do a great work for humanity. He will seek to bring the "glad tidings of great joy to all people," to those right about him, first of all to those of the home circle, and later to the outer spheres of life of which he is a part. The sharing of his joy and any soul-beauty he may happily possess with others does not consist in some great or heroic act, but in "just the art of being kind," in acquiring such a manner of speech and bearing as that one's very presence will radiate joy's sunshine and be a message of good cheer and helpfulness and an inspiration to higher and better living to all whom he meets. Thus may we have and give true Easter joy, now, in glad some spring-time and throughout the live-long year.

Few people walk properly. The importance of a graceful carriage can scarcely be overestimated. It has been most truly said, "A gentleman never puts on a pompons manner, and a lady never struts." One's

The Graceful Gait  
walk should be easy, graceful, and above all, natural. Turn the toes out slightly; make the step firm, decided, yet quiet and moderately long. Never indulge in a slouching, irregular, unsteady, wabbling walk. Dr. Dio Lewis in his excellent work "Our Girls," gives a rule for correct carriage that is well worth practicing. He says: "Whoever carries the chin close to the neck is all right from top to toe, and will walk well."



# INTERNATIONAL SUNSHINE

THE LARGEST PHILANTHROPIC NEWSPAPER CLUB IN THE WORLD

Cynthia Westover Alden, Originator and Founder

**T**HE largest philanthropic newspaper club in the world is, no doubt, the International Sunshine Society, of which Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, of the Ladies' Home Journal, is Founder and President-General.

The Society was organized merely by chance one Christmas time when Mrs. Alden insisted that the Christmas gifts given her by the members of her staff should be free from writings of any kind, especially of a personal nature, that would prevent her from passing them on after she had enjoyed them. Being a firm believer in giving everything, animate or inanimate, an opportunity to do the work for which it was born, she was constantly urging those about her to "pass on" the pretty things they didn't need.

The first branch of this great society was formed in the old New York Recorder editorial rooms in 1896. There were eighteen persons, who, half in fun, promised they would live up to the simple rule Mrs. Alden laid down for them to do some kind deed every day, as dues—and make an effort to pass on everything that was in good condition and for which they had no further use. In other words, they were not to break the back of the messengers that brought them good tidings simply because they were through with them. When one is through with a wheel chair it doesn't mean the wheel chair should be sent up into the garret to rust out; it was made to serve the sick and a sunshiner would make an effort to see that it was passed on to some deserving invalid who could ill afford such a luxury. Today the main rule of the society is to try to lend a hand when nobody else seems ready to; never to compete, and do the kind deed in the quickest, easiest, and most effective manner.

There are now over three thousand branches, and over three hundred thousand members enrolled. Every State in the union is organized. There is as little red tape as possible, and just enough constitution and by laws to keep the money matters straight. Our object is simply to incite members to the performance of kind and helpful deeds. To join, one has only to sympathize with the object, and help to carry on the work. The membership fee is an act or suggestion that takes with it sunshine and good cheer. That may be a sunny smile, a happy "good morning," the founding of a college, or paying off the debt on our Sunshine Sanitarium. I am sure I would not dare estimate the value of any deed labeled "kind." I have known of just a sympathetic handshake saving a life; I have known too, where one word of encouragement prevented a downfall. Many of us are too much afraid of giving commendation or "passing on" a kindness.

Almost every church in the country now has its Sunshine branch. The kind deeds of these workers may be confined to the church, or made to cover the needs of the whole neighborhood. The society is undenominational, maintained entirely through branch work and the newspapers that publish the news. The official organ is the Ladies' Home Journal, that publishes a column of news every month written by Mrs. Alden. The official publication, reporting all moneys received, announcing all important meetings, is the International Sunshine Bulletin, published by Mrs. Alden herself, at her own expense. This is done in



Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden  
President General International Sunshine Society

order that a strict account of all the work of the society may be set before the public every four weeks. The local newspapers and magazines chronicle the home news.

## Other Good Works

Traveling libraries are sent to any isolated part of the country from which a call may come. Consumptives are taken care of. It is thought many lives have been saved through prompt help of the society. Hot Springs, Ark., has a Sunshine Home; every room is occupied by a gentlewoman, crippled with rheumatism. There are many fresh air homes, tents, sunshine camps, nurseries, vacation homes, summer rests, hospital cribs,

hospital rooms, depot libraries, endowed beds, visiting committees, sewing circles, university scholarships, sailors' libraries, miners' club rooms, sunshine churches and Sunday schools, relief work, playgrounds, educating the blind, old men's homes, schools, lunch counters, wheel-chair circles, care for cripples, exchanges, fresh-air work, flower depots, prison work, branches among the Indians, day outings, club rooms, orphan asylums, care of defectives, newsboys' clubs, and homes for the aged.

There are no paid officers in this society. Mrs. Alden not only gives all the time she can spare to the work, but all the money she can spare as well. The books of the society are kept by an expert accountant and much of the office work is contributed.

## Sunshine Blind Babies

A visit to the Blind Babies' Home in Brooklyn will never be forgotten. Mrs. Theodore F. Seward, the President of this branch of Sunshine work said: "In providing a home and caring for the blind babies, the International Sunshine Society has followed its usual method of work; that is, doing the work which has not already been undertaken by other societies. The discovery made three years ago, that not only in the state of New York, but also in every state of the union with but two exceptions, there is no special care on educational provision for the young blind under eight years of age, led this society to make the attempt to remedy this condition in one city, hoping it might prove a valuable object lesson to the whole country and rouse the public to the need of such work."

"The most critical and important time in a blind child's life is the period from one to eight years. These years decide whether it shall become imbecile from the lack of proper development, and help to swell the already large number of imbecile adult blind under the charge of the state as years go on, or with special care and training shall take an intelligent part in the world's work and, if necessary, become self supporting."

"When we started this work in February, 1905, we were told that it was a foolish undertaking, for there were no blind babies, but when we began to look for them they seemed to come from every part of the country, and we have now nearly a hundred more on our list than we can receive in our limited accommodations, as we can only care for twenty-five at once. These have come to us from several different states. Some have been sent by the City from the idiot department at Randall's Island, the only place the city has had to send the dependent blind babies."

"The success with these little ones under the intelligent care and kindergarten training of our superintendent, Mrs. Cynthia M. Tregear, graduate nurse, has been beyond our highest hopes and proved the value of what we were trying to accomplish. These babies who when brought to us were pale, sad, helpless, often crippled and full of fear, would hardly be recognized in the bright, happy, rosy children, going alone up and down stairs, romping out of doors, in the swings, on the sleds and rocking horses, dancing and playing games so independently; doing the same work in the kindergarten which sighted children do and just as well."



International Sunshine Sanitarium and Rest Home, Cropsey and Twenty-Third Avenues, Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, N. Y.



The International Sunshine Home for Blind Babies, 84th Street and 13th Avenue, Dyker Heights, Brooklyn, N. Y.





Play Hour at the Blind Babies Home 84th St. and 13th Ave., Dyker Heights, Brooklyn, N. Y.



Mrs. Cynthia M. Taeager, Supt. of the Blind Babies' Home, Dyker Heights, Brooklyn, and Helpers giving the older children a dip in the ocean.

"Although several of the children who came to us from the Island were thought to be imbecile, with the special care they have received in the Home their minds unfolded with the result that it was proved to be only neglect that made them appear so. Since we started this work we have graduated ten who have entered the Thirty-fourth Street School for the Blind in New York city. They all stand well in their classes.

Come and see the Blind Babies in their Home at Eighty-Fourth Street and Thirteenth Avenue, Dyker Heights, Brooklyn. This beautiful home was given to us by interested friends upon the condition that we pay off the two mortgages of \$5,000 each when due. Through the strenuous efforts of our Sunshine friends, the first mortgage has been paid. The other \$5,000 will be due in 1911.

"Many members have helped us to carry on the work, but it is greatly handicapped by lack of an endowment fund. The city gives us help in caring for the dependent blind children it sends to us, but the expense for blind babies is greater than for sighted children, because they need special individual attention.

"We earnestly solicit the hearty cooperation and aid of all who are interested in this important problem of helping the blind babies to help themselves."

Among the many needs which the society discovered was the lack of an undenominational Hospital, Sanitarium, and Home combined. Circumstances so brought it about that such an institution was established at Bensonhurst-by-the-Sea, and it is hoped that when all debts are paid the income of the Sunshine society will be sufficient to keep the Emergency Fund well supplied to meet the many calls sent to General Headquarters, 96 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

A Free Bed is the great need just now. Single beds in private rooms of three are five thousand dollars each; private rooms are ten and fifteen thousand dollars. These amounts endow a room in perpetuity. It was hoped that the newspaper people alone would endow one bed, and pleas have been sent forth to this effect. What more beautiful way to provide a memorial to some loved one gone before?

The International Sunshine Sanitarium is unique in the advantages offered to patients and guests. Pa-

tients are cared for by graduate nurses while guests have the liberty and conveniences of a hotel. An atmosphere home-like and cheerful, which has an immediate effect upon the despondent or discouraged, pervades the place. From the Solarium and front porches the view is entrancing. A moving panorama of vessels entering and leaving New York Harbor has a peculiar fascination to patients who have been imprisoned in sick rooms, and to the convalescent the charm is irresistible.

This is an exceptionally fine Home for aged people who require more care than an ordinary family can supply, yet are not patients for hospitals. Special attention is given paralytics, and entertainments are furnished for the helpless, to make life less dreary.

The Rest Home Annex is especially equipped for convalescents who go from hospitals or sick rooms to recuperate. Here they can continue special diet and have the privilege of calling a graduate nurse, if desired, in an emergency.

The International Sunshine Society is just now particularly anxious to have an endowed bed in the International Sunshine Sanitarium and Rest Home. If we could get a certain number of newspapers or periodicals to raise through their columns, \$100 or more, each, we would soon see our way to the \$5,000 necessary to endow a bed. Every week we turn away some deserving person because there are no accommodations free. If fifty persons, or papers, should stand for \$100 each we would have the bed right away.

It often happens that people of rare culture and refinement, through sudden reverse or misfortune, are left stranded and penniless in the nation's metropolis, and today there is not a single endowed bed in this great city outside the public almshouse. Surely to endow a bed as herein suggested would be to scatter sunshine to many who would otherwise be hapless, hopeless, helpless, and sunless. As that beautiful song says: "Let a little sunshine in."

### Welfare Women

If the men of the world were doing as much and doing that much as unselfishly for human welfare as are the world's women, the sum of human misery would be divided at least by two and the sum of human happiness would certainly be doubled, if not even more largely increased. Men, as a rule, are so completely absorbed with the strenuous chase of the artfully dodging dollar that they have very little time or energy remaining to devote to the better things of life, those things that make for refinement, and bettered intellectual, social, and moral conditions for all. Hence in church work and other improving activities we find that the number of women thus engaged far exceeds that of the men. Another evidence that women are outstripping the men in high humanitarian endeavor is clearly shown in the difference obtaining in the club life maintained by the two sexes. Men's clubs are, for the most part, purely selfish in their aims, purposes, and methods, and are usually lavishly furnished quarters where men while away their leisure hours, smoking, drinking and, too often, relating questionable stories they would not wish to repeat to wife or sweetheart. While this is unfortunately true of most men's clubs, there can scarcely be found anywhere in the land a single woman's club identified with our State and National Federations, but that stands for high intellectual life and betterment and is an active force in its community for some definite program of public improvement and worthy altruistic endeavor. American clubwomen could with great advantage imitate American Club women in the many good and noble things the latter are doing for human welfare.

## WONDERLAND

What's the way to Wonderland?—  
 Why, it lies on every hand,  
 Yonder where the cricket calls,  
 Down beneath the waterfalls,  
 High within the vaulted blue,—  
 Beckoning to me and you!

Every loitering breeze that blows,  
 Every smiling, radiant rose,  
 Every sunset, every shower,  
 Every dewdrop on the flower—  
 Shows the way to Wonderland  
 Unto eyes that understand.

They shall see its pageants pass  
 Through the rill's brown looking-glass,  
 Through the tremulous April rain,  
 Through the mists upon the plain;  
 God's green earth is Wonderland  
 To the souls that understand!

Antony E. Anderson





HON. WILLIAM J. BRYAN

HON. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, the most Probable Candidate of the Democratic Party for President of the United States.

Your favor at hand I have read advance pages of the April number of Vick's Magazine and am pleased with the general tone of it. It gives evidence of a desire on your part to deal with the broad questions that affect human welfare and human progress.

Wishing you success, I am,

Very truly yours,  
W. J. Bryan.

HON. JOSEPH E. RANDELL, Member of Congress from Louisiana, President of American Congress on Rivers and Harbors

Many thanks for your letter of the 9th enclosing advance pages of your magazine, containing an article on Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden. I wish every citizen of the world could know of and appreciate the great and noble work of this good woman in founding the International Sunshine Society. To "scatter sunshine" over the whole earth, carrying warmth and gladness to so many hearts, is truly doing our Master's work, and I earnestly hope that Mrs. Alden and all her co-laborers are receiving a large share of the happiness they so bountifully give to others. Please say to her that her suggestions and beautiful example inspired my wife to imitate her in a small way in our Louisiana home, Lake Providence, where Mrs. Randell helped to organize a Sunshine Society that has done much to scatter its precious rays in that community.

I also desire to express my deep interest in the subject of Good Roads, which you are to treat in your June number. Good Roads are the greatest temporal blessing which can be bestowed on rural communities, and as such a large percentage of our people live in the country, you will be performing a noble task if you can arouse them to the vast importance of this subject. We proud Americans think we excel the Old World in everything, but many countries, such as France, England, Germany, etc., are as far ahead of us in good roads as we surpass the natives of an African jungle in civilization. Your magazine is entitled to high praise for its interest in these important subjects, and on behalf of humanity I wish to thank you.

Sincerely yours,  
Jos E. Randell.

[In a personal letter to the editor, Congressman Randell paid a most beautiful tribute to his wife, which reveals so much of the Sunshine spirit that liberty is taken to publish the following extract therefrom.]

"As requested, I send under separate cover one of my portraits and also one of my wife. Would much prefer for you to publish her picture instead of mine, as she has really done and is doing most excellent Sunshine work. She organized the Lake Providence society, which is called 'The Sunshine Sewing and Singing Society,' and is deeply interested right now in a big festival for the society to be given on the 21st of April. Instead of spending the winter with me in Washington, she is staying at home to nurse her old mother, who is ill, and incidentally scattering all the sunshine she can."

Prof. Samuel Dickie, President Albion College and Well Known Prohibition Leader.

Mrs. Cynthia Westover-Alden, in her activities through the Sunshine Society, is doing a work of inestimable value. To bring cheer and joy and smiles to thousands of lives is no mean task, and for doing so much to put gladness into life, Mrs. Alden makes us her debtors. Your stand in Vick's Magazine for good homes and good wives and good husbands, for good roads and good hopes and good things in general, is sure to meet the approval of your many readers.

Samuel Dickie.

HON. J. L. SNYDER, President Michigan State Agricultural College.

Mr. James C. Bartholf,  
Dansville, N. Y.,

My dear Mr. Bartholf:

Your letter of the 11th inst. came duly to hand. I was glad to hear from you. I remember quite well the address you gave to our students. I note with pleasure the position which you now hold. I wish you great success in this undertaking and can assure you that we shall be glad to render you all possible assistance.

Very truly yours,  
J. L. Snyder.

## SUNSHINE AND WELFARE

OPINIONS WORTH WHILE BY WORTH-WHILE PEOPLE

HON. JOHN C. CUTLER, Governor of Utah.

Complying with your request under date of March 9th, I take pleasure in giving my hearty endorsement to the aims and purposes of the International Sunshine Society. To the members of that Society, and especially to its worthy founder and President-General, Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, I send greeting and sincere encouragement.

There is so much gloom and sorrow in the world,



Hon. J. E. Randell



Mrs. J. E. Randell

that people should gladly welcome an organization having as its aim the dissemination of cheerfulness. Optimism and happiness are of so close kin to the faith that "moves mountains" and to which "nothing is impossible," that they are worthy of our most enthusiastic encouragement. And this is especially the case when, as at present, a period of business depression is on. Therefore I was glad to give support, a few months ago, to the "Optimist Club," organized in Salt Lake City, and I am equally glad to give encouragement to the "International Sunshine Society."

I note with pleasure your determination to conduct the magazine of which you have editorial charge along the lines indicated in your editorial announcement. The evil that is in the world is always prone to come to the surface, and to engross our attention. The good, however, is worth seeking for; and the "pearl rake" is a better implement to work with than the "muck rake." The results arising from its use are much more pleasant and satisfactory. There are enough people using the latter implement; we need to have more "pearl rakers." Success to you in your efforts.

Yours very truly,  
John C. Cutler,  
Governor of Utah.

HON. OVERTON W. PRICE, Associate Forester, U. S. Forest Service

In Mr. Pinchot's absence, I want to assure you that the Forest Service is heartily in sympathy with your effort to bring the subject of forestry to the attention of School officials, in connection with Arbor Day, and is much interested to know of your plans for your May number. There is hardly anything more important than to spread, through the medium of our public schools, an intelligent knowledge of the vital importance of forestry to the Nation, and I believe that your effort will do much good in helping this work along. I wish you all success in it, and hope that your plan will receive a hearty response from the State Superintendents of Schools, as I do not doubt it will.

Very sincerely yours,  
Overton W. Price,  
Associate Forester.

HON. L. W. PAGE, Director U. S. Office Public Roads

I learn with pleasure of your intention to bring out a Good Roads number of your magazine in June, and I believe that it will not only be of interest to your read-



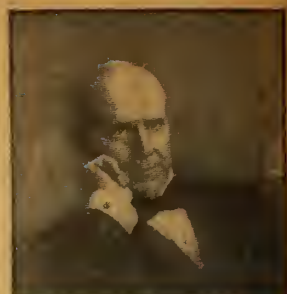
Pres. Samuel Dickie



Director L. W. Page



Pres. J. Horace McFarland



HON. EUGENE V. DEBS

ers but will do much to bring before them the necessity for a united effort on the part of all classes of citizens to obtain a general improvement of our public roads.

All efforts on the part of your magazine to educate the people, and particularly the rising generation, on this important subject, should have, and doubtless will receive the hearty co-operation of all progressive educators.

I shall be very glad, as you request, to prepare an article for the June number of your magazine.

Very respectfully,  
L. W. Page,  
Director.

Hon. Eugene V. Debs, Former Socialist Candidate for President.

The advance pages of Vick's Magazine, which you sent, are specially interesting and give promise of still further achievement in the field in which you have already won enviable distinction.

Most heartily do I congratulate Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, President-General of the International Sunshine Society, and her many thousands of enthusiastic co-workers, upon the wide-spread recognition of their laudable mission and the rapid growth of their splendid organization. Mrs. Alden is peculiarly fitted by her rare ability, her education, and experience, to preside over the Sunshine movement and direct its destinies; she is endowed with all the qualities of head and heart to inspire her followers with her own ardor and enthusiasm, and the success already achieved augurs well for the future under her administration. To lift the fallen, help the weak, to cheer the despairing, to comfort the sorrowing, to spread the light in dark places, and reclaim the erring and unfortunate by the power of love, is the self-appointed work of the tenderest and most unselfish of souls, and deserving of the heartiest commendation.

The several articles in your "Human Welfare" department I have read with pleasure. Your attitude is broad and liberal, kindly and fair. The encouragement you give to unselfish effort to serve humanity especially appeals to me. That is the final and supreme test of worth. To consecrate one's self to social service, what can be purer, nobler, more sublime?

The social conscience of mankind is beginning to make itself felt and the time is coming when humanity will be so far advanced and so truly civilized that an injury to one will be felt by all and the happiness of each will be the concern of all.

Your Arbor Day number will doubtless meet with hearty appreciation. The observance of this day is not only a beautiful custom, but a wise arrangement and is sure to become increasingly fruitful of blessings to the people.

Yours very truly,  
Eugene V. Debs.

ELIZABETH AKERS, the Noted Author.

I certainly do most sincerely congratulate Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden on the good she has done, is doing, and may hereafter do for the betterment and happiness of her fellow creatures; for I hope she does not leave out of her benevolent and merciful work the helpless and often shamefully abused creatures which men are pleased to call the "lower animals," although they often show noble qualities in which many men are deficient.

Respectfully yours,  
Elizabeth Akers.

MR. J. HORACE MCFARLAND, President American Civic Federation.

I have yours of March 12, and am glad to note that Vick's Magazine is giving attention to civic improvement subjects. I know this is good public work, and I believe it is good business, for the public is interested in improvement work of all sorts.

I regret that extreme pressure of work prevents the preparation of a statement for you upon the matter of school improvement, in which I have been writing and speaking for many years.

Wishing success to your efforts, and asking to be kept posted as to what is done, I am Yours truly,  
J. Horace McFarland.

JEFFERSON THOMAS, Manager McFarland Publicity Service, Harrisburg, Pa.

We have noted your favor of the 16th in reference to the improvement of Vick's Magazine and congratulate you upon these evidences of more energetic policy for the future.

Yours very truly,  
Jefferson Thomas.



Hon. J. A. Hughes, Member of Congress from West Virginia.

It is certainly a great pleasure to extend greetings to an organization that is doing so much good as is the International Sunshine Society. Thus to drive away the clouds that overhang many lives and admit the sunshine of love, helpfulness, and good will thereto is indeed a noble work and should receive the unreserved commendation of all who delight in seeing men and women happy in this world.

It is also a satisfaction to note that one of our popular magazines is henceforth to be distinctively positive and progressive in its tone and policy and holds itself in an attitude to give all possible aid and encouragement to every truly worthy cause in the interest of human welfare.

I shall be greatly interested in watching the future career of Vick's Magazine, feeling confident that it will meet with phenomenal success through the intelligent carrying out of the excellent policy set forth in the March number.

Jas Hughes.

Hon. J. W. Murphy, Member of Congress from Wisconsin

Great, indeed, is the good being accomplished by the International Sunshine Society, of which Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden is president. She and her thousands of associate workers are certainly entitled to the cordial greetings, good will, and the commendation of all who have at heart the well-being of mankind. I have also been much interested in reading the editorial utterances of the March number of Vick's Magazine. You are on the right track. Much good work has been done the past few years in the effort to expose, overturn, and destroy certain social, civic, and economic evils, and now the time is fully ripe for the builders to appear upon the scene and rear, upon the ruins of our old-time temples to false deities, new and better fanes on whose entablatures shall be inscribed in letters of living light, truth, honor, justice, right. I am glad to note that at least one of our popular magazines of large circulation is to sound a rich, resonant note of confidence and hope; is to be positive rather than negative; is not going to croak, croak, croak month after month, but will boost, boost, boost everything that is worth boosting. Your editorial policy surely deserves the cordial support of all good citizens and I am confident the same will be given most generously. I heartily wish you the great success I firmly believe will come to you in your praiseworthy efforts to advance the common good and to promote human welfare.

J. W. Murphy.

Hon. Newton C. Blanchard, Governor of Louisiana.

(Evidently the editor's communication to Gov. Blanchard was not called to his attention until very late in March. Fearing the inability of a letter to reach this office in time, his Excellency sent the following telegram, which fully attests his heartfelt interest in Sunshine and Human Welfare.—THE EDITOR.)

Humanity owes a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Cynthia Westover-Alden and as General and director of its beneficent work, all the world wishes her and her army of co-workers God-speed.

Newton C. Blanchard.

PROF. B. E. FERNOW, Dean University of Toronto, Faculty of Forestry.

The Forestry Quarterly is a strictly professional journal not intended for propaganda work, and hence you will hardly find any use for it. Its illustrations also are merely of a technical character, and hence would hardly be of use to you.

I recommend, however, your worthy efforts to bring forestry, and all that hangs upon it, home to the public.

Yours truly,  
B. E. Fernow.

SARAH K. BOLTON, the well known Author

I like very much the hopeful and helpful attitude of your paper. I was greatly interested in the article about Mrs. Westover Alden. I recall a pleasant talk with her in the Tribune office some years ago about kindness to our dumb friends, especially to lost and homeless dogs, and the excellent article that followed in the paper, doubtless at her suggestion. She took time to be courteous, kindly, and interested in the subject, and proved herself a friend to human and dumb as well.

I rejoice in an Arbor Day, a Bird Day, (and it ought to include all dumb animals) and in all that helps towards good citizenship. The good roads of England teach us a lesson. We are rich enough and civilized enough to have good roads all over America. Bad roads kill horses, spoil trade, and spoil the dispositions of those who travel on them.

Sincerely,  
Sarah K. Bolton.

G. M. SLOCUM, Editor Motor Talk, Detroit.

I cannot resist from expressing my deep interest in and pledging my hearty support to so noble a cause as you are planning to push forward in your "Human Welfare" campaign in Vick's Magazine. The move is a most commendable one on your part and I am certain that thousands like myself will follow your progress with interest.

I also send a word of sincere appreciation to Mrs. Alden. Ample reward for so noble a life given to so



Hon. J. A. Hughes



Hon. R. L. Owen

sweet a purpose is certain. I can wish her no more than the success that must surely crown her efforts.

My best wishes to Vick's Magazine and every success to the new Editor, in any work he may take up.

Fraternal yours,  
G. M. Slocum.

PROF. FRANK W. HOWE, Michigan State Agricultural College.

"Let a little sunshine in"—this is the remedy for many if not most of the ills that flesh and spirit are heir to. As the bacteria of physical disease are blighted by the touch of sunlight, so are the humors of melancholy and irritation dispersed by the radiance of a sunny smile of human sympathy. Godspeed the international brotherhood and sisterhood of Sunshiners and their worthy founders! Without question of creed or limitation of faith the whole world may join in the persistent purpose to smile a gentle word or kindly deed upon one's neighbor. Godspeed the Sunshiners and the large aims for human betterment that have enlisted the support of your able magazine.

Frank William Howe.

DR. BOOTHE COLWELL DAVIS, President  
Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y.

I am pleased to receive the advance pages of the April number of the Vick's Magazine which you have been kind enough to send me. I am particularly interested in the biographical sketch of Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, President-General of the International Sunshine Society. It has been my pleasure to know Mrs. Alden very well for a number of years, and as an evidence of the high esteem in which she is held by the president and faculty of Alfred University, I may say that when she visited our college at commencement time in 1906, the University conferred upon her the honorary degree of Master of Literature. Mrs. Alden is therefore one of the most highly esteemed honorary alumae of Alfred University.

It is a great pleasure to me to extend to Mrs. Alden and to all members of the International Sunshine Society, through the courtesy of your magazine, a very cordial greeting and to express the profound regard I have for Mrs. Alden and the great movement inaugurated by her, the International Sunshine Society.

Furthermore, the Sunshine Society and its members have established a number of free scholarships in Alfred University and we are having every year young people in our college courses who are receiving the benefit of these scholarships. Sunshine has no more appreciative friends in the world than can be found at Alfred University.

Very truly yours,  
Boothe C. Davis.

HON. ROBERT L. OWEN, United States  
Senator from Oklahoma.

Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden,  
Care of Vick's Magazine,  
Dansville, N. Y.

I wish you to receive from me assurances of my heartfelt appreciation of your services as the President-General and promoter of the International Sunshine Society. It is a great thing for the spirit of man to look through the clouds and to look through the dark shadows of the night and see the glorious sun whose beams envelop the earth and bathe even the clouds with everlasting sunshine. Those who stimulate this vision of hope, of faith, of knowledge, and promote it by such an organization as the International Sunshine Society are good angels, with whom I have the most earnest sympathy. I glory in your courage and in your pur-

pose. This is the spirit that meets every sordid, selfish element in life and disperses the clouds and doubts, and idealizes life.

Robt. L. Owen.

Editor Vick's Magazine,

I enclose a greeting to Mrs. Cynthia Westover-Alden, and the more than one hundred thousand members of the International Sunshine Society. I am delighted to know that you will have an Arbor Day Number for May and a Good Roads number for June. These are two matters of special interest to me. I am delighted to see the growth of public opinion favoring Good Roads and the planting of trees. The public press and especially the Magazines can render the most valuable service in promoting public knowledge and interest in these very important factors of our advancing civilization. With best wishes.

R. L. Owen.

MR. W. H. BLACK, Treasurer New England  
Automobile Journal, Providence, R. I.

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date as well as advance pages of the March and April numbers of the Vick's Magazine. Your efforts are to be commended and your expressions will, we know, meet with the hearty approval and support of those who are looking for the welfare of all.

With best wishes for your continued success and regretting that we are not in a position to extend more substantial cooperation, we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,  
Wm. H. Black.

W. G. HOLMES, Manager The Matilda Zeigler  
Magazine for the Blind.

I thank you for yours of the 14th inst. enclosing the advanced pages of the March and April magazine. I cannot imagine any grander work than that you have undertaken of interesting people at large in human welfare, and there is no telling the far reaching influence for good that you will exert.

I would like you to keep me posted from time to time on the success of your work. With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,  
W. G. Holmes.

ADA BLENKHORN, Author of "Let the Sunshine In"  
and many other much loved Gospel Songs.

Darkness and light, shadow and sunshine, mark the turning of the pages of our daily life. Spiritual sunshine does for the heart of humanity, what the Sun in our sky does for the realm of nature. The night may be long and dark and sorrowful, but "Joy cometh in the morning."

To dispel life's clouds, to flood with blessed sunshine the sad wed spaces, this is the work of the International Sunshine Society, whose loved and honored President-General is Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, to whom and to the thousand of members of the society, my heart-greeting is, God bless every one who makes sunshine for others.

Ada Blenkhorn.

HON. ELMER ELLSWORTH BROWN,  
National Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.

In a letter to the editor, among other things, Commissioner Brown said: "In some of our states the question of the improvement of the country schools hinges in a large degree upon the problem of good roads. I shall be glad to know of anything which may be done by your magazine, or through any other agency, for the promotion of these ends, which are of vital importance to the educational movement of the time."

MRS. L. D. AVERY-STUTTLE, Author and Poetess.

The publishers of VICK'S MAGAZINE are certainly to be congratulated, as well as their readers. Why?—because of securing reliable and readable information concerning the blessed work of the great army of Sunshine makers represented by Mrs. Alden, and because the policy of this magazine is an echo of the sentiments of this unique and philanthropic body. What so beautiful, so desirable, so needed in this dark old world, as sunshine? There are too many vultures and carrion hunters abroad, looking for a job. Yes, let us tell of good deeds and praiseworthy actions,—there are more than we know about, because virtue is like the violet,—modest and retiring. The policy of this magazine is to be commended. God bless the "gem rakes," and the gem-rakers; the world needs them.

Fraternal yours for sunshine,  
Mrs. L. D. Avery-Stuttle.

HON. WILLIAM E. CHANCELLOR, Superintendent of  
Schools, Washington, D. C.

Vick's Magazine can do a great deal for these beneficent things by helping to create a strong and wide-spread public opinion for betterment of all educational conditions including buildings, grounds, and gardening. And I am glad, indeed, to see you taking this matter up.

Faithfully,  
William E. Chancellor.

Hon. Thos. C. Miller, State Superintendent,  
West Virginia.

I congratulate you upon the service you are rendering the public in this good cause (Forestry, Good Roads, and The School Beautiful), and shall hope to keep in touch with your magazine.

Thos. C. Miller.



Mrs. Sarah K. Bolton



Pres. Boothe C. Davis



Mrs. L. D. Avery Stuttle





**T**HERE comes Aunt Mirandy, as sure as I live! We're in for it, girls! dear me! what ever are we going to do!" and the speaker, a tall girl, with dark, bright eyes and an imperious toss of the head,—Judge Thorpe's queenly daughter,—looked out of the window, while an ominous little pucker marred the fair brow.

"Wait, Bernice, do stand aside and let me get a peep, do—you're blocking the entire window;" and Evelyn Thorpe gave her sister a mischievous pinch and a quick pull as she glanced hurriedly through the tiny window of the pleasant alcove.

At once a silvery laugh rang through the hall. "Dear me! sure enough! there she comes—bag and baggage. Mercy preserve us, what a fright! do see the Easter bonnet, surely your new one will stand poor show beside this marvel. Madame Clymer could never duplicate such a creation as that—never!" and the thoughtless girl lifted her hands in mock despair.

"What is it, Evelyn?" called a soft, quiet voice from the doorway of the alcove, which the owner of the voice had just entered from the library.

"Why!" she exclaimed, peeping from the window at the withered little old figure hobbling up the path, with a huge carpet-bag in one hand and a dubious-looking umbrella in the other, "why, it's Aunt Mirandy! too bad, poor old soul! I'll hurry down and help her up the steps with her things; she looks all tired out." And Dolly Thorpe dashed out of the room and flew down the broad stairway with as much zest as though she were going to welcome the Princess Beautiful, with all her train.

Bernice Thorpe watched the fairy-like little figure of her gentle sister, as she flitted down the stairs, and her lip curled with a haughty smile:

"I don't see whom in the wide world that silly child takes after, Evelyn. I expect nothing on earth but she will disgrace the whole family one of these days, with her eccentricities. One never knows what she's going to do next. There she is at this moment, assisting that weather-beaten old fossil up the steps."

"Well, well, never mind, Bernice, dear, we ought to be willing to sacrifice something for the sake of getting the pattern for that bonnet!" and Evelyn Thorpe's silvery laugh rang out again.

"It's well enough for you to laugh, Ev, you always see fun in everything; but I have not forgotten that tomorrow is Easter, and Mr. St. Clair, the young lawyer, dines with papa. He will probably walk home from church with us, and I dare say our distinguished relative will insist upon accompanying us to church."

"Certainly, certainly; would you be so heartless as to deprive the innocent and unsuspecting members of Dr. Blair's church, of feasting their eyes on such a vision of beauty?" and the giddy girl, more thoughtless than cruel, more silly than heartless, laughed once again at her haughty sister's expense.

"Well, I don't see why she has to inflict herself upon us every single year, just because she happened to help papa to a few hundred years and years ago," and the imperious beauty, with an ill-tempered frown upon her handsome face, swept down the broad stairway.

In the great hall stood her sister, graciously assisting the new comer, who was the unconscious cause of all this trouble.

"How tired you must be, Aunt Mirandy," she was saying, "do let me take your wraps." And Dolly began removing the odious bonnet as carefully as though it were her own dainty one.

"Come into the sitting-room,—there's a fire in the grate,—and it's quite cool."

"Sure, sure, Dolly," said the old lady, meekly; "it grow'd colder after I sot out, and this here bum-bazeen gownd haint none o' the comfortablest. It begun to mist, like, about a mild from here. I guess it must be two good milds from here to the depot, haint it Dolly?" and the talkative old lady carefully spread out her shabby, damp shawl over the backs of two dainty rockers. But Dolly Thorpe only smiled, and asked her guest if she would like to go up to her room, thinking that she would then have an opportunity of removing the damp wraps before Bernice or Evelyn came in.

"Oh, no, dearie; I haint no ways in a hurry; I

guess I'll lay down on the lounge a little while afore supper's ready. I haint a feelin' a mite well,—my neuralgia's pesterin' of me considerable this spring."

"Certainly, Aunt Mirandy; shall I fix the pillows?"

Just at that moment, Dolly Thorpe glanced up; she had heard a step in the hall, and someone was standing in the door. She was just spreading a rich, warm robe over the poor old body, when she encountered the dark, scornful gaze of Miss Bernice, and—there was a strange gentleman standing beside her, with his hat in his hand, and such kind, handsome eyes,—though Dolly was sure she discovered a twinkle in them, as his keen glance took in the panorama before him.

"Mr. St. Clair has arrived a day earlier than he expected, Dolly," explained Bernice; "perhaps it would be well for you to try your hand at entertaining him until papa comes in, while I see about lunch—that is," she added spitefully under her breath, "that is, if you can leave your interesting and intelligent patient long enough."

Poor Dolly only smiled quietly, and explained in a whisper that the old lady was a distant relative of her father's, and that this was only her annual visit. "She is quite a source of annoyance to Bernice, and Evelyn sees something very funny about her, but to she



seems a nice, kindly old lady,—I'm sure I feel it my duty to be good to her."

Miss Bernice felt decidedly uncomfortable to observe the look of admiration and approbation gather in Mr. St. Clair's expressive eye.

At that moment a clear voice rang through the hall, and a pair of mischievous brown eyes peeped through the curtain's as their owner, Miss Evelyn, sang mockingly:

"Poor old girl with her umberell,  
Come to stay with the folks a spell,  
Poor old chickadee, isn't she swell?

Isn't she fine indeed?

Isn't her Easter bonnet gay?

Old as Methusalem to a day,—

Crow'd on top with an old bouquet,—

Flowers all gone to seed."

That was all. Then the patter of slipped feet sounded in the hall for a moment, and the mocking, silvery laugh died away in the distance.

Bernice Thorpe was quite dismayed that Mr. St. Clair should have heard anything so undignified from her sister, and well she knew the mischief-loving and thoughtless girl was not aware that he was in the house. So she hastened to explain as she left the room:—

"Evelyn inclines to put everything into rhyme, but she'd no idea of your presence, Mr. St. Clair."

Other ears, however, than Mr. St. Clair's had heard the thoughtless song. The lonely old body on the couch had heard it, and a tear stole from the dim, faded blue eyes, and trickled down the wrinkled, pallid cheek. Dolly Thorpe's quick eye had seen that tear, and in her tender heart at once was born a resolution to befriend the old lady and to make her stay as pleasant as possible, and that, she should have an Easter bonnet to wear to church next day, which would furnish no mirth for her thoughtless sister.

The next two or three hours were busy ones for Dolly; but an ingenious brain, deft fingers, and a will-

ing heart can accomplish wonders. She thoroughly believed in the little verse from the good book, which she had learned in childhood.—

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," so that, late in the afternoon, a very happy girl stood in the sewing room, poising a neat, tasty bonnet on her fingers, while a trembling voice was earnestly calling down blessings on the fair golden head.

"Well, Miss Dolly I don't see but you can make bonnets as well as your sister can sing songs in their honor," said a manly voice in the doorway.

Of course Dolly could only blush, and murmur something about its only being fun to play milliner; and Jack St. Clair thought he had never seen so fair a face or so graceful a form.

Aunt Mirandy made a very creditable appearance the next morning at church, thanks to the transforming skill of Dolly's cunning fingers. The church was beautifully decorated. The music was a success, and it seemed to Dolly that the Rev. Mr. Blair had never preached so effectively before. The sermon, from the text, "Behold he is not here, he is risen," was very earnest and tender. And as Dolly Thorpe listened, her heart grew warmer, and grateful tears shone in her blue eyes, that she had been able to minister to one of the least of his little ones.

Strange how events shape themselves—or rather—are shaped by the Mighty Hand which overrules the lives of the children of men. And so it came to pass that, in one short year, the pampered and petted daughters of Judge Thorpe were penniless orphans, thrown upon a cold world alone.

Bernice, the haughty, proud-spirited daughter of fortune, upon whose graceful shoulders had rested no burden or care, is earning her daily bread as a governess. Accustomed to regarding the poor as not far removed from the brute—indeed a "brother to the ox," she frets and pines over her unhappy state constantly. Sometimes she thinks of the handsome young lawyer, Jack St. Clair, whose affections she had at one time hoped to win.

Evelyn turned her musical ability to account, in earning a precarious living. Sometimes she, too, thinks regretfully of the past, and wonders why fate should have been so hard with them. She has quite forgotten the cruel song she sang—just for fun—only one little year ago, but the quiet, wise old lady to whom that heartless song came as a cruel revelation, did not forget, nor did she forget the loving kindness of the gentle, golden-haired girl whose tender thoughtfulness had made the lonely old heart rejoice on the never-to-be-forgotten Easter. Dolly Thorpe—tender-hearted Dolly—was turning her handy fingers to good account in a large millinery establishment.

One day there came a letter announcing the death of Aunt Mirandy, asking that the three sisters attend the funeral. The letter implied that there were some business matters to attend to, that the old lady had left a will, and was very desirous that her relatives attend the funeral. Bernice Thorpe's lip at once took on the old haughty curve:

"The idea! just as if she had anything to will to any body. I have no money to squander on the trip."

"Perhaps she has left us her old umbrella and her Easter bonnet," sneered Evelyn.

"I am going, girls; I think it is cruel to refuse to grant her last request. Poor old auntie. I can go; madame has just paid me last week's wages."

So that very afternoon found Dolly Thorpe spinning over the road to attend poor old Aunt Mirandy's funeral. The first person she met at the depot was Jack St. Clair.

"Why, Mr. St. Clair! I am surprised to see you here. We have not heard from you since poor papa—" and the sentence ended in a sob.

"I see your sisters have not come," he began; "I had hoped to see them as well as you. But perhaps it is as well; it may avoid some rather embarrassing details and some rather painful memories."

"I do not understand you,—really, Mr. St. Clair," stammered Dolly, her blue eyes opening wide.

"Let me explain, Miss Dolly," he began, rather enjoying her perplexity. "Of course you did not know that I was the attorney to whom your poor aunt entrusted all her business affairs."

"Business affairs!" echoed poor Dolly, more mystified than ever.

"Certainly; it was I who drew up her will just before she died, and I have the honor to inform you that Miss Dolly Thorpe is a rich woman."

"Mr. St. Clair! I, a rich woman! I can't understand it. Aunt Mirandy certainly never left me any money,—she was poor—poor—"

"Your aunt was quite eccentric, as the world calls it, and did not care to let her relatives know of her wealth. Her own wants were simple and her daily life quiet and obscure; she wished to have it so. But she could never forget the kindness of a certain little maiden, and she determined to reward it, and so—"

Well, we will draw a curtain over the rest of the story, and leave a little to the imagination of the reader. I will only add a fragment of conversation which occurred a few months later, between Jack St. Clair and his bride.

"Really, Jack, it seems all so strange. When did you first fall in love with me? do tell!"

"I think it was the exact moment, my dear, when a golden-haired little maiden had just put the finishing touches to Aunt Mirandy's Easter Bonnet."



## SUNSHINE IN SONG

SILVER THREADS AMONG THE GOLD AND ITS AUTHOR—By Mrs. A. P. S. Stansbury

**W**ERE a new canon to be promulgated, to the quiet, unassuming man of letters who is the subject of this sketch he must be accorded without challenge the title of "Patron Saint of Gardens."

What office could be closer or dearer to the universal heart? Human life and love began, as the old story tells us, in a Garden, and in all the millenniums since through the garden has been transmitted that "touch of nature" which "makes the whole world kin." The dwelling measures all grades between palace and hovel, but in the garden flourishes perennially the true democracy of the soil. Vines clamber and cling, pansies lift quaint fairy faces, roses fling their largess of color and fragrance, for the poor man as well as the rich. Bees, butterflies, and humming-birds, pilgrim sprites of the air, seek their mecca among the paths and borders where spring the sweet, common flowers dear to the children of the people.

To love flowers is one thing—no man who did not love them could be a poet,—but to know the methods of their life, the secrets of their bloom, to be en rapport with the delicate, elusive flower-spirit which must often be cherished and allured before it will consent to put on its beautiful garment of form,—this is quite another. It is this rarer sort of knowledge in which our poet excels.

It was only to be expected that the extent and scientific thoroughness of Mr. Rexford's studies should have earned for him his present enviable position as the foremost American authority in matters of floriculture. As such, his work is familiar to the readers of leading periodicals both east and west, with which he has been connected as floral department editor during the last twenty years. For fourteen years consecutively he served "The Ladies' Home Journal" in this capacity.

To have been so long a recognized teacher and inspirer along such lines of living beauty, is to have attained no small eminence, yet parallel with the course of this, Mr. Rexford's avocation, runs that of his vocation of pure literature.

Born in Johnsbury, N. Y., July 16, 1848, he removed with his father to Wisconsin, when eight years old. His literary tendencies discovered themselves at an early age. "Writing," he naively confesses, "always came easy to me."

His first essay in verse was published in a New York paper when he was fourteen, and at sixteen he received from the publishing house of Frank Leslie his first cheque in payment for literary work. For a time he wrote only in verse, but soon supplemented this with story-writing.

The facility and smoothness of Mr. Rexford's metrical work, together with his peculiar ability in choosing a theme at once simple and of universal human appeal, combined to make him an ideal song writer. While still very young, he had written a number of songs which were set to music by the well known composer, George F. Root, of Chicago. It was while a student at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, that he received from Mr. H. P. Danks, of New York, a request for some songs, with the offer of three dollars each for such as might prove available. In response he sent nine manuscripts, among them the now famous "Silver Threads Among the Gold." To quote Mr. Rexford's own half-humorous relation:

"I sent him nine. He paid me for six, and the other three I never heard from. One of the lot was 'Silver Threads.' So I do not know whether this was one of the paid-for songs or one of the three not paid-for, and it remains an open question as to whether that song brought me three dollars or nothing." But although the composition became so largely profitable in material returns to its publishers, it gained for its author no less real, though intangible rewards.

Mr. Rexford himself first heard the song under circumstances of peculiar interest. He writes:

"I went to hear the Oneida Indians from the reservation near Green Bay, at a concert they gave in Shiocton. One of their numbers was the song of 'Silver Threads Among the Gold,' which had just been placed on the market. I was not aware that it had been published until I heard it sung by these Indians."

"Silver Threads" was the first song by Mr. Rexford to achieve universal popularity. Its companion song, "When Silver Threads are Gold Again," had a good run but was not so pronounced a favorite.



nature at first hand, choosing to hear only from afar the echoes of the great world of struggle and unrest.

## "Let the Sunshine In"

By the Editor

It was the extreme good fortune of the writer, several months ago, to be one of an audience of over three thousand people who sang this gloriously inspiring hymn, with that prince of the baton, Prof. E. O. Excell, of Chicago, as precentor. No one in that large audience could fail to feel the thrill of life that comes only from the vitalizing force of true spiritual sunshine, when the clear, ringing tones of the leader reverberated through the vast auditorium "Let everybody sing!" and in cheerful compliance all, with beautiful, but thunderous melody, joined in the chorus:—

"Let a little sunshine in."

The many thousands of people to whom this hymn has brought much of good cheer and sunshine will certainly desire to know something about the two people to whom themselves and the world are indebted for "Let a little sunshine in."

The author of the words is Miss Ada Blenkhorn, of Cleveland, Ohio. She was born at Coburg, Ontario (former site of Victoria University, now of Toronto.) She received her education at the public schools and the collegiate institute of her native town. In 1884 with the other members of her family, she removed to Cleveland, where she has since resided.

About twelve years ago Miss Blenkhorn began to write song-poems. In a letter to the writer, in reply to questions as to her life experiences and career as a song-writer, she thus interestingly but modestly writes:—

"The success with which I have met is largely due to the kind, encouraging, and helpful words written me by the publishers of my hymns; but most of all do I owe my thanks to Him who has given to me this talent. The earthly source of my inspiration is my mother."

"I scarcely know what to give as incidents that led to the writing of 'Let the Sunshine In.' I will simply state how I came to write it. This song was one of a number written for Prof. Charles



Mr. Gabriel



Miss Blenkhorn

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# SUNSHINE AND FLOWERS

## Just Between Ourselves

**I**N ASSUMING the editorship of this department, the writer feels like having a little personal and confidential talk with his readers before "getting down to business."

A good many years ago, when the old VICK'S MAGAZINE was edited by James Vick, the man who loved flowers as he loved the birds, and the children, and everything else that was beautiful, and good, and helpful, a boy who also loved flowers was one of its most interested readers. He had always loved flowers, but the magazine made him so enthusiastic over them that he set about growing them, simply because the editor of the little magazine infused into it a personality which was always keenly alive to the beautiful. What he was doing he interested others in doing, and from him the boy caught the contagion which resulted in the establishment of a little home garden. This garden flourished, and so many beautiful things grew in it that the boy, out of sheer delight in the work he had undertaken, could not help telling somebody about the new pleasure that had come into his life. Quite naturally he told this to the man who had influenced him to attempt the culture of flowers. He wrote to Mr. Vick about his garden, and some of the things he said pleased the past-master of flower-growing so much that his letter was given a place in the magazine, and he was asked to write more. He did so. The little garden furnished him, at first, with material. By and by a little greenhouse furnished more. And after a little the boy who began writing about flowers because he loved them became one of the regular contributors to VICK'S MAGAZINE. Between editor and contributor grew up a friendship that was full of help and inspiration to the latter, and this friendship was only broken by the death of the man whose life was a beautiful one in all senses of the word. Though the boy never met Mr. Vick, personally, he felt, when the news of his death came, as if he had lost a near and dear friend, and to this day a sense of personal loss comes over him whenever he turns over the pages of the magazine into which James Vick injected so much of his delightful personality. To this man, more than anyone else, the grown-up boy attributes much of the success of his later life, along the line of work which had its beginning in VICK'S MAGAZINE. He has not forgotten,—he will never forget,—the wise counsel, the encouraging words, the all-around helpfulness by which this man who took pleasure in doing kind things made him his lifelong debtor.

That boy was myself. Do you wonder that, in assuming control of this department in VICK'S MAGAZINE, it seems like coming home, after having been a long time away?

I do not believe it a wise policy to make extravagant promises for the future. I believe more in doing things that will win confidence, as one goes along. What one does counts for a great deal more than what one promises to do, for one cannot always live up to the spirit of a promise. If he does the best he can, he will get credit for it. It is always a relief to feel that no one can accuse you of falling short of what you said you would accomplish. Therefore the writer considers it wise to not hamper himself with any statement of intentions which may not be fully carried out. He desires to say simply this: "His aim is to make this department practical and helpful. He believes that flowers are preachers of beautiful sermons, teachers of all things that refine and uplift, and make men and women better, and, with this belief in mind, he hopes to do and say something each month that will help in the cultivation of them, and thus bring the sunshine of the gospel of beauty into the lives of others."

I believe in practicality, rather than in theory. I shall not theorize in this department. I shall not indulge in speculation. But I shall tell my readers about the flowers I grow, and how I grow them. I shall be ready, at all times to help them out of difficulties into which they have fallen, if I can do so. I shall hope to establish a relationship with them which will have as its basis the mutual love of flowers. If I do this, I shall feel that I have made friends of my readers, and what is more beautiful, more worth having than friendship?

I shall be very glad to hear from the readers of this department on all subjects of interest to the lovers and cultivators of flowers, indoor and out, the care of the home-grounds, and the making of home beautiful by means of shrub, plant, and tree. Most persons who have had experience along these lines

have made little discoveries of "how to do things" which would help others, if they were told about them. Can't we have a column each month devoted to hints and suggestions and experiences of this sort? I would be pleased to receive short, practical letters containing just this kind of information.

The Question Box feature will be continued. In it I will answer any question submitted to the best of my ability. If your plants fail to give the satisfaction you think they ought to give, tell me about it. Tell me how you have cared for them, and perhaps that will give me a clue to what is wrong. I have worked among plants a good many years, but I don't know all about them yet. I am learning something new every day, but from what I have already learned I may be able to help those who are in difficulty, and I want every reader to feel perfectly free to ask advice. Not every inquiry may be answered individually, but I shall aim to have the information asked given somewhere in the department, therefore, if those who ask do not find a personal reply in the magazine, will they kindly do me the favor to read through the department in search of what they want to know. Space is limited, you know, and we must condense as much as possible. If one reply can be made to answer for several inquiries, each inquirer will find in it the knowledge he or she was in search of just the same as if each inquiry were given a separate answer, and the space saved by "composite" answers can be devoted to matters of general interest.

I want to get perfectly in touch with my readers. I can only do this by the means of correspondence along the lines touched on. I want all flower-lovers to think of this department as a home which they can "drop into" whenever they feel in the mood, by sim-

ply pulling the latch-string, which will always be out. Pull it, please.

"Scatter sunshine" is a good motto to live up to. I believe it possible to make this department the snuggly parlor of the magazine. Let's aim to do it.

Most cordially,

Eben E. Rexford.

## What to Do in April

Not much actual work can be done in the out-door garden this month, at the north. But a good deal can be done towards getting ready for active work as soon as the weather becomes favorable and the ground is in proper condition.

I believe in planning things. Your garden may be small, but it will pay you to think over the arrangement of it in advance. "Making garden" doesn't consist simply in spading up a bed and putting seed into the ground. Thought should be given to the arrangement and location of each kind of flower you make use of. The hap-hazard location of any plant is likely to do it injustice, and the whole garden suffers in consequence. Make a mental picture of your garden as you would like to have it, and then go over the material you have to work with, and try to find the proper place for each flower. Study up on habit and color, and season of bloom, and you will not be likely to get things in the wrong place, as you will be almost sure to if you do not give considerable thought to this matter. There should be orderliness and system in the garden as much as in the home, and this can only come by knowing your plants well, and so locating them that each one of them will have the opportunity to make the most of itself.

Beds can be spaded as soon as the frost is out of the ground. But do not attempt to do anything in the way of pulverizing the soil until sun and air have had a chance to exert their mellowing influence on it. If ground is worked over when wet, it dries out into small clods. What should be aimed at is that perfect pulverization which makes clod and lump impossible. This can only be accomplished after the soil has parted with the excessive moisture consequent on melting snows and spring rains. Let it lie as thrown up by the spade for several days, before attempting to reduce it to that fine, mellow state which puts it in the right condition for the reception of seed.

In buying seed, buy only the best. How am I to know which is best? does some one say. To which I reply, by purchasing of seedsmen who have built up a reputation for honesty, and fair dealing, and the reliable quality of everything they handle. Such men must live up to the reputation they have made for themselves. They never misrepresent. They never send out inferior seed. They may charge a little more for their seed than some of the "cheap" dealers do for theirs, but you can be sure of getting your money's worth every time. And that is something you are never sure of if you patronize irresponsible parties.

I always advise buying seed in which each color is kept by itself. Mixed collections give you a little of everything. It stands to reason that beds planted with seed of this kind must often lack that harmony of color which is so important a factor in gardening. True, seed in which each color is by itself costs more than mixed seed, but not very much more. I would advise dropping off a package or two, if necessary, in order to bring the purchase within a stated amount, rather than investing in mixed seed. A better plan is for several persons in the neighborhood to club together and order distinct colors and varieties, and divide the seed between them. In this way cost can be reduced, and quality be kept up to a high standard.

Shrubs can be reset the latter part of this month. Prune them sharply when this is done. Remove all defective roots. Make the soil in which you plant them mellow and rich, and have the hole large enough to admit of spreading out their roots naturally. If new shrubs are planted, be sure to keep their roots moist after receiving them from the nursery. Spread moss, or old carpeting, or a mulch of damp leaves over them after removing them from box or bundle. If their roots have dried at the tips, cut off the end smoothly with a sharp knife before planting. New feeding roots will start much sooner if this is done than they will from the dried ends.



The Window Garden



Perennial plants can be set or removed, and old clumps can be divided. This can be done to best advantage before growth begins. If care is taken, and old plants are lifted with a large amount of earth adhering, they will not suffer noticeably by removal. If they are divided—as most four or five-year-old clumps ought to be—cut away all but the strongest and newest roots. Plants so treated will not bloom as freely this season as those which are undisturbed, but next season they will give flowers so superior in every respect that you will be convinced of the wisdom of frequently dividing your old perennials. Make the soil in which you set them very rich. If the season happens to be a dry one, water well to assist them in getting a good start. But, as a general thing no watering will be needed with plants set this month.

There will be considerable work to do in the window-garden. Plants which have completed their flowering should be gradually dried off. By that I do not mean that they should be allowed to get really dry, but that the supply of water should be considerably reduced. We do not aim to encourage growth with these plants



Gloxinias

at this season. Rather to make them dormant. Many of them can be cut back sharply, especially such kinds as renew themselves readily.

Pelargoniums ought to be coming into bloom. Keep them in a cool place, but give them full benefit of the sun. Apply some reliable fertilizer once a fortnight. Keep on the lookout for aphids. If this insect attacks them, shower promptly with nicotine extract.

Repot old fuchsias which are expected to bloom during the summer. Give them a rich, porous soil, with good drainage, and then water with great liberality. Never let them get dry at their roots. If drainage is what it ought to be, there need be no fear of injury from over-watering. At the time of repotting, cut old plants back sharply. Make them renew themselves as completely as possible, if you want them to be most satisfactory. Shower the foliage frequently. Pinch off the ends of the strongest branches to encourage the productions of side-shoots, and make the plants bushy and compact.

Go over your collection of geraniums and mark those you do not care to make use of in the house for another season. These can be transferred on the garden by and by, where they will be quite likely to flower well the greater part of the season, if cut back somewhat when put out.

If you have some choice old plants, which seem to have exhausted themselves and outlived their usefulness, make cuttings from the strongest of the new wood from which to perpetuate the variety. But do not attempt to perpetuate anything that is inferior. We have so much, now-a-days, that is well worth growing, that we cannot afford to give up space in window-garden or the home grounds to anything that does not have positive merit.

Gloxinias and tuberous begonias should be started into growth at once. Lay the tubers in rich moss or damp cloths until sprouts appear. If this is done, you are sure to get them right side up. Give them a light, spongy soil with some sand in it.

I would like to urge the lover of fine flowers to give the tuberose a trial this season. If she does, the roots should be procured at once, and started in pots of rich, sandy soil. Before planting them, examine the base


of the tuber, and if any of last year's roots remain, shave them off with a thin-bladed, sharp knife. If the tubers are planted without doing this, the old roots are likely to decay, and this condition may be communicated to the tuber. Tuberose require a long season to develop in, and out-door planted ones seldom mature, as planting in the open ground can not be done until the weather becomes settled and warm. This is an excellent flower to grow through the summer in pots for the autumn decorations of window-garden and greenhouse. Pot-started plants should not be turned out into the garden before the first of June.

Examine such tubers as dahlia, canna and caladium, to make sure they are keeping well. If any of them show signs of decay isolate them from sound roots at once. Sometimes they can be saved by cutting away the diseased part. Dust the cut over with fine sand. But if badly affected destroy them. It used to be thought absolutely necessary to start dahlias into growth in the house, early in the season, in order to secure a good crop of flowers from them. But this is no longer done. Early-started plants, nine times out of ten, will be so weak and spindling by the time it is safe to put them in the ground that they can not stand the change without injury. Therefore nothing is gained by early starting. If the dry tubers are put directly into the ground where they are to bloom, about the first of June, and the young plants are well fed, you will get just as early flowers from them as you would from tubers started in pots in April.

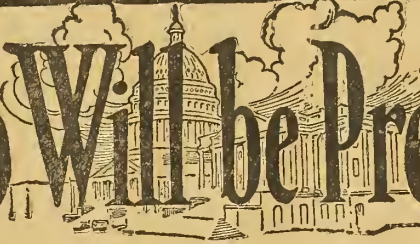
If you have no stock of dahlias on hand do not fail to order some for the coming season's use. We have so many varieties, now-a-days, that all tastes can be

suited. Personally, I prefer the decorative class to all others. Others will prefer the old, very double type, and many have a preference for the cactus sort, with curiously twisted and reflexed petals. The decorative, cactus and single dahlias have long stalks which make them very useful for cutting. The doubles are too heavy and formal to be satisfactory for this purpose. Some of our dahlia specialists offer twenty choice varieties for a dollar. In no way can that amount of money be invested to better advantage for garden material.

Another most excellent flower for everybody's garden is the gladiolus. Give it a soil of sandy loam, made quite rich and very mellow, and plant it about four inches below the surface, and it will require very little more at your hands. In July and August it will send up flower-stalks to a height of three and four feet, and for weeks you will have a most brilliant display of magnificent colors, ranging from the most intense scarlet and maroon to delicate pink, and pure white, while in between will be purple, yellow, lilac, cherry, orange and almost all the colors of the rainbow, these colors distributed among the flowers in flakes, blotches, featherings, and other striking and peculiar markings. I know of no flower better adapted to amateur culture. Anybody can grow it, and it will do well in almost any soil, though it seems to prefer a rather sandy loam. If you conclude to make use of this plant the coming season, send in your order for roots at once, but do not put them in the ground until about the middle of May. Best effects are secured by planting from six to a dozen roots in a group. Each root will, as a general thing, send up from two to four flower-stalks.



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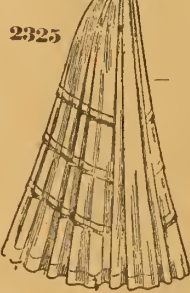
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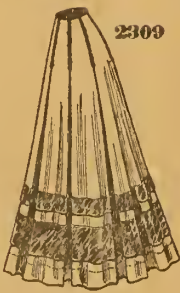
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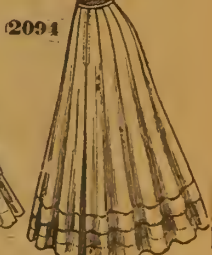
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## Suitable Styles for the Present Season.

Every year we hear that the separate waist, made in an entirely different color and material from the skirt, is to be a thing of the past, yet with the return of every season it is just as popular as ever, and the present one is no exception to the rule.

The first illustration (2319) portrays one of the newest designs for the everyday waist. It is strictly tailor-made in design, and though very simple, is extremely stylish. It is adaptable to chambray, linen, duck, or any of the fancy cotton shirtings in stripes, checks or broken plaids. Four wide tucks on each shoulder, stitched to nearly the bust line, give the required fullness to the fronts, and these tucks continue to the waistline in the back.

The narrow shawl or turn-over collar is of the material, and the removable chemisette is of the same material as the waist, or of white linen or all-over embroidery. The full length sleeves are gathered into stiff cuffs, fastened with links, and the model is double-breasted, fastening with small smoked-pearl buttons. For 36 bust the shirt-waist requires 5 yards of material 20 inches wide, 4 yards 27 inches wide, 2½ yds. 36 inches wide, or 2½ yards 42 inches wide. The pattern No. 2319 comes in sizes—32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches, bust measure.

The second waist (2327) is designed for more dressy wear, during the afternoon or early evening hours, and it would make up well in plain or embroidered batiste, one of the new dotted Swisses, "Eflure" the new washable voile, or in taffetas, snah silk, or China silk or satin messaline or marquisette. The original model was developed in pale mauve marquisette. The shaped yoke was of all-over cream color Valenciennes lace, and this was banded by narrow insertions of Cluny lace. The body portion was attached to this yoke by groups of narrow tucks, these being separated by bands of wide Cluny insertion, and the full sleeves, were trimmed to match and finished with insertion and edging. The Mikado sleeve-bands were of the wide and narrow insertion, and the high collar was finished by a band of the narrow insertion. For 36 bust the waist requires 4½ yds. of material 20 inches wide, 3½ yds. 27 inches wide, 2½ yards 36 inches wide, or 2 yards 42 inches wide; as illustrated, ¾ yard of all-over lace 18 inches wide, 8½ yards of wide insertion, 8 yards of narrow insertion, and 1 yard of edging. The pattern No. 2327 is in sizes—32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches, bust measure.

The pretty jumpers which are worn quite as much as the separate waists, with skirts of white flannel, mohair or thin serge for afternoon or informal evening wear are slightly different in design this season. One of the prettiest and most popular is shown in 2323. The material used in its development is cotton voile, in an invisible blue-and-white check. The fronts, back and wide kimono sleeves are trimmed with insertions of filet lace, and

the girdle is made of the material and lace. It is also an excellent model for linen, pique or chambray, worn over a plain white lawn shirt-waist or slip, trimmed with English embroidery and worn with a skirt of their own material they make an attractive costume for morning or afternoon wear during the Summer. For medium size the Jumper

requires 3½ yards of material 20 inches wide, 2½ yards 27 inches wide, 1½ yard 36 or 42 inches wide; 3½ yards of filet insertion to trim. The pattern No. 2323 is in sizes—Small, Medium and Large.

The Childrens' models shown are all stylish and suitable for the present time as well as during the coming Summer. The first one (2312) is capable of many combinations in both color and materials, and is particularly becoming to the growing girl, being simple in construction and becoming when worn. Bright turquoise-blue Indian-head cotton or chambray was used for the original model. The full skirt is attached to the waist, under the belt, and the tie is of black satin taffetas. For a girl of 8 years, the dress as illustrated, requires 3½ yards of material 27 inches wide, ¾ yard of contrasting material 27 inches wide, ½ yard of silk 20 inches wide for the tie, and 1¼ yd. of ribbon to trim chemisette; or of one material it needs, 4 yards 27 inches wide, 3½ yards 36 inches wide, or 3 yards 42 inches wide. The pattern 2312 is in sizes—6, 8, 10 and 12 years.

The second frock (2316) is very dainty, and may be made with high or Dutch square neck. It is developed in fine dimity flowered with small red cherries and their foliage. The full waist is made with a wide tuck on each shoulder, which gives the required fullness to the front. It is gathered into the upper edge of the narrow belt, and the full sleeves may be made in full or three-quarter length and are gathered into narrow bands of the material. The short skirt is gathered to the lower edge of the belt and is finished by a deep hem. Bands of English embroidery outline the Dutch neck. For a child of 6 years the dress requires 3½ yds. of material 27 inches wide, 2¼ yards 36 inches wide, or 2½ yards 42 inches wide, with 1 yard of insertion to trim. The pattern No. 2316 is in sizes—2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 years.

The attractive all-over coat (2308) is developed in thin cream white serge. The body portion which is very full, is box-plaited into the square yoke and finished with a deep hem. The shaped cape falls in points at the front and back, and over back shoulder, and this, as well as the turn-back cuffs are trimmed with a double quilling of narrow satin taffetas ribbon. The turn-down collar is finished with a single row of similar quilling. The pattern is adaptable to heavy linen and pique and if made in these materials, embroidery insertions and edging should be used instead of the ribbon. For a child of 3 years the coat requires 4¾ yds. of material 20 inches wide, 2½ yds. 36 inches wide, 2¼ yds. 42 inches wide, or 1½ yard 54 inches wide; 10½ yds. of ribbon to trim. The pattern No. 2308 is in sizes—1, 3, 5 and 7 years.

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## OUR LITTLE MEN AND WOMEN

### THE PANSY PRINCE

A Fairy Tale

By Rena L. Hamilton

On the border of the kingdom of Pansyland, dwelt a little Pansy youth. His mother had died when he was an infant. He inherited from her a very sunny disposition, which shone in his beaming face. His father, the Black Prince, as he was called by the inhabitants of Fairyland, was a very studious person—quite unlike his brother, the king. King Goldface did not know much, but he had a good, true heart and was a kind ruler to his people. The inhabitants of this country were of quiet and happy dispositions, and had it not been for trouble with some neighbors of Roseland, they would have lived peaceful lives. The roses, unlike the pansies, were a vain, frivolous race, caring for nothing save pleasure.

In Pansyland were many famous institutions of learning, over which the most perfect pansies of the kingdom presided. Here was where the saying, "Pansies for thoughts," originated. Here in a beautiful leafy temple, while listening to the discourses of the wise-visaged sages, clad in their black, yellow, and purple robes, the little Pansy Prince first heard of Fairyland. At night when his nurse tucked the blades of green grass about him and tried to put him to sleep, he insisted that she tell him of this new country of which he had so often heard. Finding all things else unavailing, she finally sang him to sleep with the songs of the little elves having gossamer wings and wands of magic,—the people of Fairyland.

The Pansy Prince had slept for many hours, and the moon was high in the heavens, when a terrible war-cry awakened the inhabitants of Pansyland. It was an invasion by the Roses from Roseland. Arrayed in red roses and armed with thorns, their faces flushed with the thought of certain victory, the pitiless Roses possessed themselves of the peaceful kingdom, tore down its temples and laughed in derision as the learned Pansies fled without resistance. The Pansy Court with its tulip domes and its blue-bell chimneys was laid waste, and the wicked Roses vowed that should King Goldface be captured they would burn him in the fire of the cardinal flower. The Pansy Prince had just sufficient time to fly for safety into a dense forest, where he soon became lost and lay down to sleep in a bed of violets.

In the morning, awakening with the birds, the Pansy Prince threw back his coverlid of blue; washed the sleep from his eyes with a dash of dew from a butterfly, then bowed to the sun, and said: "Good morning, Morning Light, I thank thee for making the world so beautiful."

Hardly had he spoken when there appeared before him a tiny being. She was clad in white, wore butterfly wings, and carried in her hand a star-tipped wand fashioned from the sting of a golden bee. "My little friend," she said, "I am the fairy called Thistledown. Upon my last visit to your uncle's kingdom I heard you speak so kindly of the fairies that I requested our Queen to permit you to visit Fairyland. I am to lead you, if you will, to that realm of light." At this she waved her wand. The hillside where they stood opened inward like a door, and they heard the sound of distant music. Beckoning the youth to follow, she bravely led the way into the cavern, from whose wall sparkled millions and myriads of rainbow-colored lights. In a moment the Pansy Prince found himself kneeling before a throne where sat Titania, the beautiful Queen of the Fairies. Titania spoke words of cheer and bade the Prince follow where-

ever Thistledown should lead him. Expressing profound thanks, the Prince arose and walked backward, as was the custom of the court, out of the presence of the Queen. Thistledown then led him to the workshop of the fairies. Here some were coloring delicate fabrics with paint made from the petals of roses; others were mixing wonderful water-colors distilled from drops of dew. Dozens of little sprites were making diamonds from petals; while others were changing bits of sky into sapphires and amethysts. Many were distilling emeralds from leaves of forest trees, and a few were making wigs from maiden-hair ferns. Some wrought rubies from tears of pain; some fashioned pearls from tears of joy, and a few, with tireless skill, fashioned garnets from the blood of heroes. Next, the Pansy Prince was led into the sewing room of the fairies, where scores of little seamstresses plied their needles. "These gowns," said Thistledown, "are for the royal family." "This one," she said, pointing to a beautiful silver satin, brodered with pearls, "is for the King of one of the flower lands. I think it is for the King of Pansyland." The Pansy Prince gazed with intense interest. Beside the gown he saw a crown of crystalized moonbeams delicately wrought and studded with pearls.

Thistledown then led him into the chapel of the fairies. Here a Jack-in-the-pulpit was finishing what had evidently been a very long and tiresome sermon. Nearly all of the fairies, weary with their frolic of the previous evening, had fallen asleep, but they all woke up when a chime of harebells began to ring the doxology.

The Pansy Prince requested Thistledown to lead him where the regiment of fairy soldiers was drilling. He watched them practice at fencing with blades of grass for swords, and observing how clever they were in the art of war, he requested their general to send a detachment back with him to Pansyland to make war upon the barbarian Roses. The request was granted, and the Pansy Prince, bidding a hasty adieu to Queen Titania, set out with his new found forces to recover the lands of his uncle, King Goldface, from the hands of the enemy.

At the sight of the gay banners and waving plumes of the fairy phalanx, the roses fled in terror, leaving the King of Roseland and his beautiful daughter behind them as captives. The Pansy Prince treated the Rose King with respect, and extended the Princess of Roses especial favor, but his heart was sad, for he found that his father and his uncle, King Goldface, had been slain. And now the wise-eyed Pansy counselors of the former king pressed a crown upon the prince and asked him to rule them.

The day of the coronation was set. Queen Titania sent the Pansy Prince the beautiful robe he had seen in Fairyland for a coronation gift. The crown was put upon his head, and all the assembled fairy soldiers lifted up their swords and shouted, "Long live the king." The new king's first act was to pardon the King of the Roses; and it is written in the records of Pansyland that his next act was to marry the beautiful Rose Princess who had formerly been his captive. Whether this is true or not I cannot say, I only know that the Roses and Pansies have ever lived in peace, even to this day.

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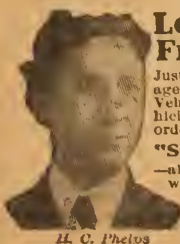
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# The Fine Art of Gardening



BY APP M. SMITH

## STARTING EARLY PLANTS

The month of April is peculiarly the month in which the foundation of the summer supply of vegetables is laid. If you want early lettuce, start your seed growing now, either in a box in the window or in a hot house, if you have one. And if you have one convenient for the purpose, make a sloping frame three feet square or more, a foot high on the north end, and six inches high on the south, draw a yard of cloth over it, paint the cloth with a pint of boiled linseed oil, and plant your seed under it. The April sun will make it "red hot" under the frame, and your seed will grow faster under it than it would outdoors in May. Most any kind of plants will grow under this frame, and be three weeks earlier than you can get them outdoors. Tomatoes, peppers, parsley, beets, onions, celery, asters, pansies, and, in fact, any kind of plant can be made to come early under such a frame. Try it this spring and see if you do not find plant raising easy.

## THE BEST CULTURE PRODUCES THE BEST RESULTS

Intensive culture of the farm, garden, or flower-bed is one of the most important points to be observed in the cultivation of the soil. It means that the ground shall be as thoroughly fertilized as possible, cleanly cultivated, and all the possible means of making the soil produce its highest and best crop be resorted to. Keep the weeds down, for they rob the crop of a part of that which it grows upon. Stir the soil often, for that means absorption to fertilizing elements from the air, and the drawing up from below, by capillary attraction, of more moisture which the plants must have to make them grow. The prettiest pansies, the brightest asters, the most gorgeous chrysanthemums, and the deepest colored violets, as well as the big pumpkins and squash are all produced alone by the most intensive culture.

## HOW TO GET SOME EARLY GREEN PEAS

The usual time to plant green peas in the latitude of southern Michigan is April 10, in that of northern Michigan, April 25. Everybody loves green peas, and they love everybody; for, in spite of the common idea that they are unhealthy, they are, nevertheless, when just right for eating, one of the most nutritious foods raised in the garden. In fact, they are so delicious that we always take a little trouble to get some earlier than our neighbors, and we will tell you how to do it. Make a frame, such as we have described in this issue for raising plants, and start some peas to growing under that. Cut strips of sod three inches wide and as long as your frame will take. Turn these strips of sod upside down, plant peas in the sod by making holes in it with a round stick, and dropping the peas in the holes.

The heat from the sun will be sufficient on the finish of April to start the peas to growing. About three or four weeks, or as soon as the frost is well out of the ground, take off your frame, slip these strips of sod, with the peas growing in them, onto a board and take them out in the garden. Make a furrow and put the strips of sod in the furrow and cover up, leaving the growing peas standing out of the soil. You can get green peas two weeks earlier than your neighbor in this way.

## CROSSING PLANTS

### A Study Both Curious and Interesting

Some very curious and interesting experiments may be made by those who love to study garden science in the work of crossing flowers and vegetables. Those who suppose there is nothing new to be

found in this field of research are very much mistaken. In fact, comparatively speaking, there is but little known in this field of exploration. Some of those who have made the subject a life study, have picked up a few results which may be obtained by following specific directions, but what is known as sports in the vegetable and flower kingdom are always appearing and reappearing to mystify and perplex us and demonstrate the falsity of many well-settled conclusions. Two different kinds of strawberries may be crossed and new kinds produced, but no man can tell us exactly what the product will be like. A common field bean may be planted and the seed saved and planted again, but although there might not have been another bean raised within miles of that one, new kinds of beans will generally be found in the lot. These new kinds may come from the original seed several generations before. The beautiful wax beans, so well known to gardeners, have never yet been free from green pods here and there, no matter how carefully one may have watched to prevent mixing with others. The tendency established by the old parent away back to the time "when the memory of man runneth back not to the contrary," may come out and show itself after years of absence. Tomatoes have been propagated from cuttings off a well-established variety, and yet two different kinds of tomatoes produced, evidently the result of the original crossing of two different kinds in the parent plant. Experiments in squashes are very interesting. Plant two kinds in the same patch and take one of the fruits from each vine and plant the seed the next year and see what a variety of squash you will have. No work in the garden will interest and teach children more than a few experiments along these lines. The deep interest which they will show in the work is surprising. Try it.

## APRIL SHOWERS

BY MRS. L. D. AVERY-STUTTLE

From the South came April, fair,  
Wreaths of crocus in her hair,  
Robed in dress of brown and green,  
Like a fairy, Orient queen.

From the North, with cheeks aglow,  
Clad in robes of fleecy snow,  
Boisterous March came puffing by  
Neath the gray and cloud-wrapped sky.

April, smiling, greeted him,  
Then at once her eyes were dim,—  
Fickle she, as well as fair,—  
Then she tossed her glorious hair,  
Wept and smiled and wept again,  
Breathing soft o'er hill and glen.

Wherefore, April, dost thou weep?  
See! the flowerets spring from sleep;  
Hark! the wood begins to ring  
With the melody of spring;  
Nature doth not always sleep,—  
Wherefore, April, dost thou weep?

"If I weep not," April cries,  
Glancing up with starry eyes,  
"Fragrant blossoms would not spring,  
Pretty birdlings would not sing;  
I must smile, and I must weep  
Till the flowerets wake from sleep,  
Till the cold earth, brown and sere,  
Feels each warm and humid tear,  
And the rootlets, one by one,  
Strive to greet the beaming sun."

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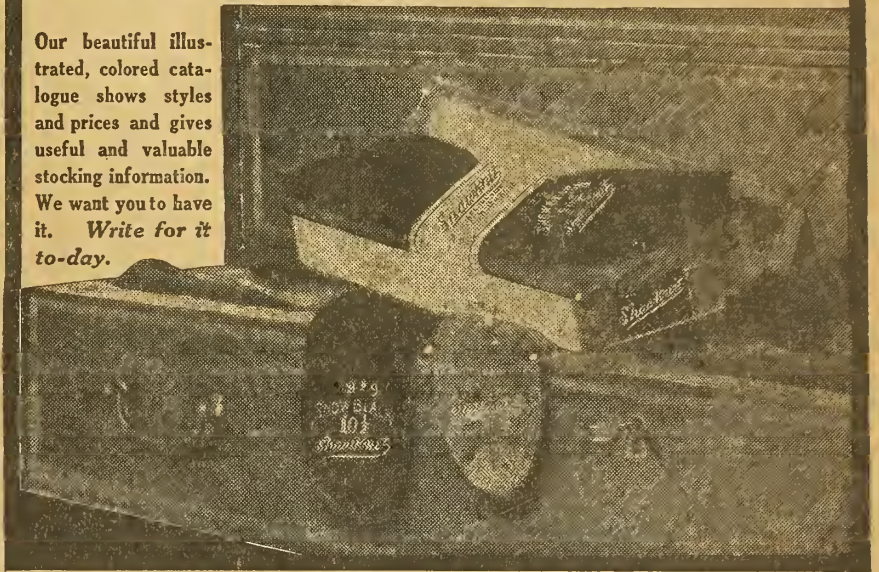
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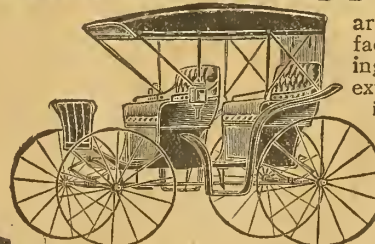
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# The Wealth of Health

BY THE EDITOR

### SUNLIGHT AS A HEALTH GIVER

The choicest of all God's blessings is the sunlight. It is given to all, without distinction. "He maketh his sun to shine on the evil and on the good." Where the sun shines, life and light abound, the plants and trees are rich in foliage, the birds sing, and the animal world is full of power and energy. Where there is darkness, gloom and death prevail. If we put a plant in a dark cellar, where there is but a small aperture to admit the light, it will lose its strength and color, and will use all its vitality in growing out toward the light. Sunlight is the strongest purifier and the greatest health-giver we have. Why, then, do so many people do their best to exclude it from their dwellings? Blinds, shades, and curtains are used to keep it out. I have met some housewives who seem to think it a calamity to admit a ray of sunlight into their parlors or sitting-rooms. As one enters a house from which the sunlight is thus excluded, a damp, heavy atmosphere greets him; all life and freshness seem gone. Is it any wonder that women and children who have to pass their days in such homes are pale and sickly? Sunlight is the best cosmetic for a poor complexion, the best medicine for a weakly body, and an excellent tonic for a troubled mind. Let us no longer keep sunlight out of our homes and lives.

### SUNSHINE AND DISEASE

Sweetness and light go together, says the "Leisure Hour," like darkness and disease. Everyday experience teaches us this, and proves true the Italian proverb which says, "Where the sun does not enter, the doctor does." The sanitary powers of sunshine have long been recognized by the people of many nations, though the "why" and the "wherefore" of the action have not been understood. It was left to Professor Marshall Ward to prove that the hygienic effects were due to the direct destruction of bacteria by certain light rays, and not by heat rays. It has lately been proved that the bacillus of the bubonic plague at Bombay, though very hardy, succumbs to the influence of light. In fact, sunshine appears to be its most powerful natural enemy, two or three hours' exposure to the solar rays being sufficient to destroy it. We are thus given another proof that sunshine in the houses and streets is as essential to the health of a city as cleanliness.

### VALUE OF MOSAIC HYGIENE

Probably few persons know that the Jews are longer-lived than any other civilized race. Of 100,000 Hebrews born on the same day there will be 50,684 males and 49,316 females. At the end of the first year the 100,000 Jewish infants will have shown their superiority in point of vitality; for only 8,091 will have died, as compared with 14,192 English and 16,706 Americans. This difference is practically maintained throughout life. At the end of five years, only 13,844 Jewish children out of the 100,000 will have died; while out of a similar number of English children, 24,679 will have joined the great majority, and America will have 26,912 deaths. At fifty years of age the deaths will have been 26,519 Jews, as compared with 49,079 English; and at sixty-five the mortality returns will stand at 37,442 and 66,110 respectively. But the full force of the comparison is hardly seen until extreme old age is reached. At eighty-five years 25,135 of our 100,000 Jews will be living, while the survivors of the English band will be but 5,566.

### CARE OF THE TEETH

Many dollars may be saved and much ill health prevented by taking proper care of the teeth. Writing on this important subject in the "Pacific Health Journal," Dr. F. B. Moran makes the following excellent suggestions:

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will clean the enamel without injuring the gums. A little wintergreen may be added to give a pleasant flavor, but will in no way improve the chalk.

"Avoid all dentifrices that foam in the mouth, as all such contain soap, which injures the gums without cleaning the teeth. A teaspoonful of listerine in half a glass of water makes an excellent wash to use after meals; it is a good antiseptic, sweetens the breath by destroying odors emanating from diseased teeth, and is good for sore gums. Coarse, hard brushes and soapy dentifrices cause the gums to recede, leaving the dentin exposed."

### MORALITY OF HEALTH

There is a broad sense in which disease is certainly immoral. In many cases, perhaps in most, its victims are clearly unfortunate; but there are instances in which disease is the result of carelessness or ignorance so gross as to be really criminal and sinful. These forms of disease are also often more or less contagious. All filth diseases are contagious. It is an accepted saying that cleanliness is next to godliness. If that is true, it is not too much to say that uncleanliness is next to ungodliness; and that when it results in the spread of disease, it is ungodliness. In this sense it is surely true that there is a morality in health and an immorality in ill health.

### HUNGER CURE

Medical journals are of late giving not a little attention to the "hunger cure." To the unsophisticated, it would seem that the very best of cures is a sufficiency of good, wholesome victuals, carefully and intelligently prepared by a good housewife, and partaken of about the family board in an atmosphere thoroughly surcharged with those most excellent of all tonics, cheerfulness and love. Scientists may experiment, and doctors may philosophize as to "water-starvation cures," etc., ad infinitum, and never discover a remedy so effective as a "hunger cure" as that herein given. Try it.

### IMPROPER EATING

Sir Henry Thompson is authority for the statement that more than half the disease that embitters the middle and latter part of life is due to avoidable errors in diet; and that more mischief, in the form of actual disease, or impaired vigor, and of shortened life, accrues to civilized man from erroneous habits of eating than from the habitual use of alcoholic drink. In view of the enormous evils resulting from the use of alcoholic liquors, the concluding opinion of this eminent man should arouse the indifference, and cause the careful to be more careful in matters of diet.

### CAUSE OF GRECIAN BEAUTY

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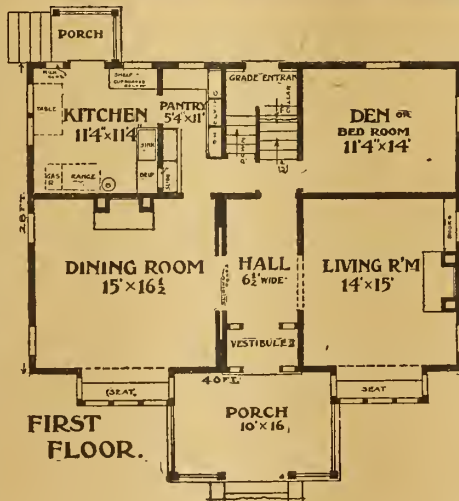
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We all know why it is, and lay the blame upon makers of carpets, curtains, upholstery and wall paper for not manufacturing their goods so they will not fade when exposed to strong sunlight.

Too frequently we find houses from which the sunlight is excluded from the principal rooms by porches. In the northern states, where there are many cloudy days, we especially need in certain seasons, plenty of light and air in the home and without these essential features we cannot have the best of health.

English homes have always been built to let in sunshine and greater value is placed on the sunlight than on the materials which it fades, hence a house full of large casement windows divided with mullions and glazed with leaded glass will often have no curtains within.

The sunshine house presented above is for the lovers of light and air. All of the rooms have large windows, all but one have windows on two sides. The principal first story rooms have bay windows.

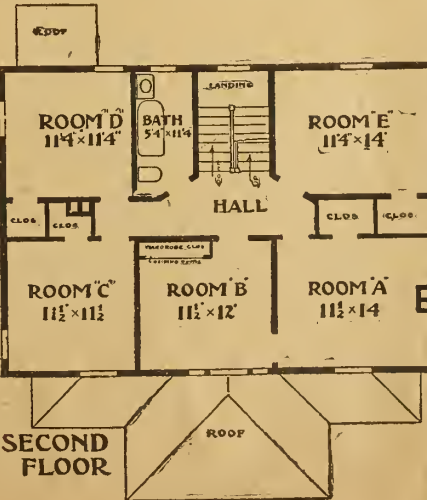
That room which used to be opened for weddings and funerals, "the Parlor," has no place in this house. The Living Room has taken its place. We find it furnished with "Mission"

or other substantial furniture that is built for use, upholstered with leather, which wears well and does not fade; carpets are being replaced by rugs and, if we can afford it, we buy an oriental rug which does not fade to any extent; on the walls we have a burlap which fades but little and can be dyed without removing from the walls when it has faded. With these furnishings we can fearlessly let in the sunlight.

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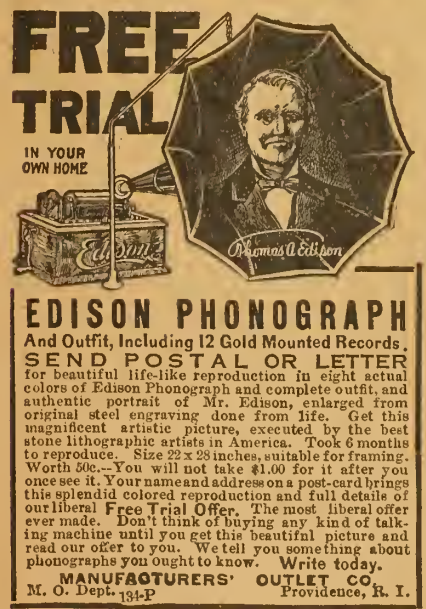
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## At the Point of the Needle

By Lauretta Miller

**The Month's Theme**

In harmony with the Sunshine idea of this issue, our theme for April will be the daisy and its large sized composite brother, the sunflower. As last month our readers were introduced to a beautiful dream of a wild-rose shirt waist girl, so now they are made acquainted with her sister of the Wallachian daisy.

**The Daisy Girl**

In her daisy shirt waist is certainly "a daisy," and the admiration for her will be by no means confined to the gentler



sex. The design for this shirt waist can be had stamped on a good quality white linen, 3 yards, 36 inches wide, including collars and cuffs. Each design requires about ten skeins of Grecian floss, and should be embroidered with two shades of any color preferred. Pink, blue, green, yellow or red can be used with equally good effect. Wallachian petals and leaves always show a vein down their centers, and each half is to be worked separately. Long and short buttonhole stitches, and outline stitch, are the only stitches required for a pure Wallachian design.

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**Sunflower Photo Frames**

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ered press it on the wrong side. Cover one side of the cardboard foundation with a layer of sheet wadding; cut the



wadding away from the opening for the photo. Paste the wadding down with library paste. Stretch the cover over the wadded side of the foundation, pull the edges of the cardboard and paste down with library paste, which must be used very dry. Cut a slash to form a cross in the center of the opening; turn back and under the cut sections, which must be pasted down to the cardboard; to make these sections lie smooth and flat slash them at short intervals. Punch two holes, one on each side, at the upper part of the photo frame; cut two pieces of ribbon equal lengths, in one end of each piece make a small bow; run the plain end of each ribbon through one of the holes, and draw through; this will leave the bow on the right side of the frame. Tie the two ends together to form a loop by



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Household Economy

Noonday Round Table Talks

By Florence M. Howe

"It is worth our while to know how to select good flour. In the first place, in buying white flour let us not be too particular that we get the pure white; that with a creamy tinge is better, because it contains more real nourishment. Now to test its quality, take up a handful. If it falls lightly from the hand, we may feel quite sure that it is good, but if it feels moist and sticky, and leaves the impress of fingers, we may very reasonably discard it, for it will not make good bread. In choosing the darker flour, such as graham or the entire wheat, we may be guided by the taste. A pure article will contain considerable gluten and a rich, nutty flavor will be quite perceptible, such as we experience when eating a grain of wheat."

**Teachings of a Dear Old Aunt**

"I remember that when I was quite a little girl a dear old aunt taught me some things about bread-making which she said I must always remember. In school I never took very kindly to chemistry, but when my aunt took me into her own well-equipped kitchen and began to teach me in her own sweet way some of the principles of chemistry I soon became quite enthusiastic over the subject. I remember my first lesson in bread-making. When I set my 'sponge' she told me that the reason for adding water to the flour was to dissolve the starch. This brought into contact with the other elements of the flour would soon start a process of decomposition. At the same time the effect of the moisture upon the gluten would tend to develop the gum-like properties of that substance, causing the whole mass to stick together. The yeast, which is composed of small living organisms, kept in a dormant state on account of the low temperature to which it has been subjected, is then added.

"Plant-like, it requires only moisture and the proper temperature for these organisms to grow and multiply. The temperature most favorable is from seventy-five to eighty-five degrees; so my 'sponge' was kept at this temperature and the same degree of heat was maintained throughout the whole process.

"The yeast acting upon the starch in solution forms two new substances, alcohol and carbonic-acid gas, which render the loaf light and porous. Care must be taken now that the fermentation does not proceed too far, for if all the gas escape, we would have only heavy, sour bread. On the other hand, if it should not proceed far enough the results would be much the same. As a rule, when the first sponge is light and foamy throughout, it is time to add the flour and knead the bread. The flour should, if possible, be warmed, and as little added in kneading as will be required to keep the dough from sticking to the board. There are two good rules which no doubt most of us have heard over and over again by which we may know when this process has been properly accomplished. The first is when the dough shows a tendency to stick to the hands or board. The second method is to strike the dough hard with the fist, and if it quickly springs back to place like a rubber ball, it is ready to be set away to rise. If everything has gone smoothly, little kneading is necessary the next time, only so much as will be required to shape into loaves. By giving attention to these details given to me so long ago I avoid feeling blue or worried when baking bread day comes round."

**The Baking of the Bread**

"But you haven't said a word about baking the bread, which to my mind is quite as important as the mixing," suggested Mrs. Adams. "Our kitchen maid was away on a vacation last week and I attempted the baking myself. All went well, until in the process of baking, a hard, thick crust formed on the loaves, while the interior seemed underdone. When I took the loaves from the oven I felt almost sick; for the whole thing was more nearly a failure than a success."

"I think I can account for that by the fact that your oven must have been too

hot," ventured Mrs. Eddy. "During the first twenty minutes the oven temperature should be between five and six hundred degrees; after that the heat should be reduced, and if you are using a gas range, just turn off the back burners under your oven.

"The use of an oven thermometer, of course, is the best means by which to regulate the heat, but if that little convenience is lacking place a teaspoonful of flour on the bottom of the oven; if at the end of five minutes it is nicely browned, put in your loaves. For rolls the heat must not be so great; consequently the two should never be baked together. It is by the proper application of heat that the starchy and glutinous cells are broken up and rendered digestible; the starch is converted into dextrine; the cells formed by the carbonic-acid gas are made permanent; the yeast cells are destroyed, and the alcohol is vaporized and liberated."

**Whole Wheat Bread**

"The following recipe for whole wheat bread was given to me by a friend some time ago, and I have always found it to be most satisfactory: Scaid one pint of milk, and when lukewarm add two table-spoonfuls of sugar, one teaspoonful of salt, and one cake of compressed yeast dissolved in one-fourth cup of warm water. To this, add three cups of flour and beat until elastic; then add remaining flour. Let rise until double in bulk, beat again, pour into pans, let rise until double, and bake forty-five minutes. This amount will make two loaves.

"In making whole wheat bread, it is much more satisfactory to use part white flour, and this can be used to better advantage at the beginning of the process. In this way good results are easily obtained, and the flavor of the bread is in every way superior. The length of time required for making whole wheat bread is not so great as is required for plain white bread, as fermentation goes on more rapidly and the dough rises sooner. It is not necessary to start the bread at night; by rising just a little earlier than usual and setting the sponge before breakfast, one can have the baking all out of the way before dinner."

**Whole Wheat Biscuit**

"Here is a recipe for baking powder biscuits made from the entire wheat; and, I believe, used by a very famous cook. I am sure you will all want to try it. Two level cups of flour, sifted before measuring; one-half teaspoonful of salt; 4 teaspoonfuls of baking powder; 2 table-spoonfuls of butter; 1 cup of milk.

"By the way, always measure everything level, never heaping. A knife is used in mixing these ingredients and the milk is added slowly. Toss the mixture on the board, roll the dough and cut into shape with as little kneading as possible."

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By A. Lincoln Millet

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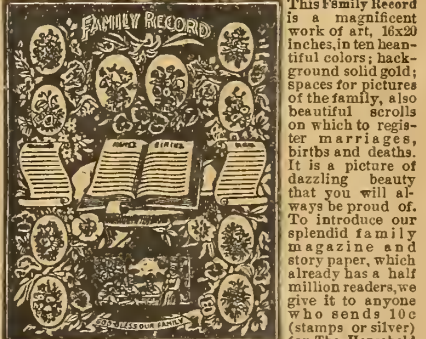
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A statement issued last month by the freight department of the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad (Pennsylvania system) will open the eyes of some persons as to the vast annual output of fruit and poultry from south Jersey, that part of New Jersey bordering on and extending south of the line from Philadelphia to Atlantic City. The statement shows that during the year 1907 it carried from southern New Jersey to other states alone over 12,000 carloads of perishable freight.

Of course these figures hardly give a bare idea of the agricultural output of south Jersey. They show freight shipments of perishable goods over one road. They do not represent the tons of produce carried by wagon to Atlantic City, Philadelphia and other big towns. They do not indicate the millions of eggs or the amount of truck and other goods not rated as perishable.

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#### To Keep the Range Bright

I black the top but once a week, but still keep it looking nicely. I keep newspapers cut and folded on top of the warming oven, so that I do not have to go and hunt up some when I want it. When cooking meat or any thing gets spilled on the stove, if it is rubbed off before it gets burned on, it will scarcely show at all. The bottoms of pans often get smoked, but are easily cleaned with the newspaper. If you have never tried it, do so now, for there are too many things to do to take the time to black a stove every day. A few seconds hard rubbing with the paper and it is clean.—J. W. R.

#### In the Laundry

Washing fluid is made by dissolving in two gallons of water the following ingredients: one can of lye, one ounce salts of tartar, one ounce carbonate of ammonia; and one ounce of powdered borax. Keep in a jug well corked. Use a cupful of fluid and one-half bar of soap for each boiler of clothes and boil twenty minutes. Rinse in clear water and place in blue water, when they are ready to be hung on the line.

Soak linens in milk to remove ink stains. If obstinate apply lemon and salt. When ironing, rub the irons on paraffined paper to prevent starch sticking to them, and produce a fine polish.—Mrs. R.

#### How to Mend a Corset

The front stays or steels of a corset are very apt to break, especially if the wearer is at all inclined to be stout. I have learned to save expense and trouble by mending them in this way. Take one of the wide flat steel pieces from the underarm of an old corset, and slip it under the broken stay in the same casing. The corset can then be hooked as well as ever, if the first one inserted breaks in time put in another. Just try it.—Mrs. G.

#### To Remove a Tight Stopper

No doubt every one has tried wrapping a hot cloth around a bottle with a glass stopper which refused to come out. After repeated efforts, it is usually successful. But here is a method suggested by a druggist that is much easier, and surely a druggist, of all people, should be familiar with the subject: Tip the bottle to one side and hold a lighted match under the neck of the bottle. The heat expands the bottle, but not the stopper. Rather clever, isn't it?—L. R.

#### An Emergency Remedy

When small children put corn or beans in their nose, put your finger on the other nostril and place your lips to the child's mouth and blow as hard as you can and the obstruction will come out. I have seen this tried and I know it to be sure.—S. F. H.

#### Good Home Made Glue

Every one may not know that a really good glue will stick the sole of a shoe to the upper and it will stay. Sometimes a comparatively good shoe will suddenly drop a portion of the sole or heel. Saturate edge with a good quality of glue, press well and leave until dry. A heel or lift may be treated the same way and the shoe do longer service.—L. E. E.

#### Good Floor Paint

2 ounces of glue; 1 qt. of rain water; stand on back of stove till dissolved. When cool add yellow ochre or any desired colors, till it spreads nicely. Then paint your floor. When floor is dry, give it a coat of linseed oil. This is fine and wears well and the cost is very little. Mrs. E. M. B.

#### Teasing the Butter to Come

To secure butter more quickly in winter weather, heat cream to scalding point then cool to churning heat before churning, and add a little sour milk with cream.—Mrs. C. A. L.

#### A Quick Mustard Plaster

Trim the crust from a thin slice light bread, then sprinkle it very thick with ground mustard. Spread a very thin cloth over the mustard, and dampen with vinegar or water. Your plaster is all ready and nothing to clean up after making it and much better than the sticky batter-plaster. A piece of bread well dampened is better as a poultice than flax-seed or slippery elm; will neither dry out nor sour so quickly.—H. L. S.

#### To Sweep Carpets with the Least Dust Possible

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#### Preparing Codfish

To prepare codfish quickly pour boiling water over the fish, and when cool enough to put one's hands in the water, the fish will shred more easily than if soaked for hours. Scald again when shredded, drain, and cook in the usual manner.

#### To Brighten a Carpet

Sweep it well, then wipe well with cloth wrung from soapy water to which has been added one or two teaspoons of ammonia. Rub the dirty spots until clean. This will make the carpet fresh and bright.—B.

#### A Good Use for Newspapers

If while traveling, you have reason to suspect the presence of those pests of the night, "Bedbugs," spread newspaper overlapping, under the lower sheet, and go to sleep, assured you will not be disturbed.—R. M. F.

#### My Way to Clean the Head

Make strong salt water, put enough of the skin and hair to dampen well, then wrap up well with a towel to keep from taking cold. After the hair gets dry comb and brush well. The hair will get soft and glossy also clean.—A. M. R.

#### A Hurry Up Method

When in a hurry for potatoes to boil put them in boiling water as usual. In three or four minutes pour off first water and add a second lot of boiling salted water.—Mrs. L. F.

#### To Remove Ironrust

Wet the spot with lemon juice, sprinkle with salt, and hold over the steaming spout of the teakettle. This will remove stains even after they have been washed several times.—Mrs. L. L. B.

#### To Brighten Nickle on Stoves

To brighten nickle on stoves, dampen a woolen cloth and dip it in finely shaved sapolio and rub vigorously. It will brighten it beautifully.—A. B. M.

#### A Good Remedy

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## WITH THE CHILDREN

By Eda W. vonAlten

## Easter Thoughts

Last month we talked about the trees and leaf-buds that the rain awakened. This month I hope some of the flowers will wake up, so we can gather a few for our Easter Festival. We shall have a nice Easter lily, too. I wonder if you remember the story we told about a wee baby, that was born the first Christmas day? You remember his name was Jesus, and he was born in a manger. When he grew up to be a man he was a carpenter, and later, he told people all about the "Heavenly Father." This month we are going to remember the day he arose. This is called Easter. We all want to sew a pretty card for mamma, a lily would be pretty I think. We can also mold a little clay egg and color it very prettily and tie a ribbon through it. In Miss Jenk's song book can be found a very pretty little Easter song, the words of which may be sung to some popular air. The following is one stanza:

"The little flowers came through the ground,

At Easter time, at Easter time;  
They raised their heads and looked around,

At happy Easter time—  
And every pretty bud will say,  
'Good people, bless this holy day,  
For Christ is risen, the angels say,  
At happy Easter time!'"

## Water and Fishes

The ice in the streams has all melted now, and where do you think the water drops are going? Well, the sunbeam comes dancing out of the sky and lights right in the middle of the stream. The little drops of water are so glad to see the sunbeam, that they play and dance together and have such a good time. When the day grew warmer, and the warm sun rose higher and higher, the little sunbeam thought it must be time for her to fly away. She asked one of the little

water drops to go with her. The little water drop was delighted to go and soon found itself in the arms of the sunbeam, going up and up, it knew not where. All at once it fell fast asleep. When it awoke, it found itself, with a great many other water drops, and they were all sitting on a nice fleecy cloud. There were other little fleecy clouds right near, so they all decided to go together and ask the wind to take them to the earth. When they got down to mother earth they came so fast that we could hear them say: "Pitter, patter, pitter, patter." The grass and flowers were very glad for they had been waiting for a long time.

## The Fishes

Now who knows what live in the streams?

Yes, fishes. Children who live in the country, near brooks and streams, have all the opportunities imaginable to observe the habits and life of fishes, also the varieties of color, form, size and motion, which they exhibit. What do you think of the little children who live in a big city, who never have a chance to watch a real, live fish, unless it is in an aquarium? I once visited a kindergarten in one of the larger cities where the children had a number of pets, among them a dozen pretty fishes; some gold fish and the others were sticklebacks.

Fishes all have very large mouths and round eyes. Their ears do not show, but they can hear even the slightest sound. I am sure you all know we breathe through our noses. Now fish do not breathe that way; they have small gills, with little thin, hard covers on each side of the head, which open and close. A fish takes in water continually through his mouth and lets it out through his gills; but before he sends the water out he takes all the air out of it. This is the way he breathes. We use our feet to walk; but the fish uses his fins with which to drive himself through the water.

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Looking not;

Finds her pleasure  
In full measure,  
Where your censure  
And displeasure  
Reach her not;

Your feet measure,  
Not with pleasure,  
Nor with leisure,  
For she flees your  
Hasty trot.

If you find your  
Precious treasure  
And within your  
Own inclosure  
Have your tot;

If hand pressure  
To be—measure  
Your displeasure  
Will not cure your  
Wand'ring tot.

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Will not sure cure,  
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MAGGIE ———.

Dear Maggie: I deeply deplore the fact that I am unable to advise you so intelligently as I would like, chiefly because you omitted so many details. You make it reasonably clear that your friend plays the role of the heavy villain on the gridiron, and you give a fair idea of his hair and eyes, but you do not relate any of his family history. You do not state whether he sustained a simple or compound fracture of the collar-bone, nor the exact location, whether near to, or remote from, the superior maxillary ligament. The most valuable information you furnish is that the two ribs which were broken were those following his first punt. I have noticed that they are the ones that are always most apt to get injured in such cases. You stated rather confidently that he is not engaged, but you do not say how you know it. The statements of full-backs with mocha hair and broken clavicles and ribs are not always to be relied upon in such matters. You do not say whether you love him, and if so why, and to what extent, whether simply as a brother or otherwise. The best I can do for you, Maggie, with the meager information at hand, is to suggest that you send him a valentine of the Queen Anne style of architecture, with deckled edges and cornices, all profusely decorated with miniature hot-water bags and chrysanthemums; the former will typify the Farenheit of your devotions, and the latter will insure him that you approve of his estheticism and applaud his aspirations.

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### Arbor Day Number

Much valuable and very interesting information will be given regarding the truly great man and public benefactor, the late Hon. J. Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor Day. Mr. John Nordhouse, who for ten years was the secretary and trusted friend of Mr. Morton, will contribute a most interesting biographical sketch of his former chief, which will be richly embellished with choice photo-engravings portraying the beautiful home life of the Mortons. Extracts from the eloquent address of EX-PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND at the dedication of the monument erected at Nebraska City to the memory of Ex-Secretary Morton, will also be published in the Arbor Day number. This article will be illustrated by a photo-engraving of the monument itself and a recent picture of our distinguished Ex-President, Mr. Cleveland. In addition, will be published a

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Not only this, but **Vick's Magazine** was given special permission to publish approved extracts from recent speeches of President Roosevelt bearing upon the important subjects of public welfare so near his heart: Forestry, Arboriculture, Good Roads, Children's Gardens, and The School Beautiful. Every one of these extracts, as well as that from Ex-President Cleveland's dedicatory address, cannot be excelled for recitation purposes on Arbor Day and at special entertainments given in the interests of Forestry and Good Roads for the splendid purpose of raising funds for The School Beautiful in every community.

### A Symposium of Poems

Another most attractive feature of the May number, and one that will be of great value for recitation purposes also, will be a symposium of poems written by a most interesting group of our best and best-known living poets. Supplied with this fine collection of timely verse, school pupils will not need to rehearse again the oldtime and somewhat hackneyed poems relating to trees, tree planting, arboriculture, and forestry. Among those who will contribute to this symposium will be Edwin Markham, Margaret E. Sangster, Richard Watson Gilder and Eben E. Rexford. Several poems from other authors equally well known are expected, though not yet received.

### The Good Roads Number

This issue will be no less interesting than will be the Arbor Day number. Among its most interesting features will be approved extracts from President Roosevelt's splendid address at St. Louis regarding the subject of Good Roads, and a timely symposium contributed to by prominent educators and road experts throughout the United States and Canada as to the editorial suggestion herein made, proposing that a Good Roads Day be established when this important subject may be made the theme of special exercises in our schools with a view of developing interest and intelligence therein among our citizens of tomorrow, whose duty it will be to build good roads.

### Plans for Co-operation

The management of **Vick's Magazine** have definite plans worked out whereby progressive and up-to-date educators, public spirited citizens, and last but not least, school children everywhere can co-operate with this publication in creating in every community a genuine revival of interest among all classes in the glorious gospel of Forestry, Good Roads, and The School Beautiful—an interest, too, that should lead to positive and practical results in achieving these three most desirable betterments. Will you not write this office at once asking for complete information regarding these plans, and upon receipt of the same begin the active work of carrying them out in the interests of both present and future human welfare?



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Good Roads Day In the economy of our American school life we now have established several special days, such as Arbor Day, Bird Day, etc., all of which serve a very excellent purpose of calling the attention of the rising generation to the importance of the special progressive movements with which each of such days is identified. These days are proving very effective in impressing upon the minds of the young most important lessons, the learning of which cannot fail to have a most beneficent influence upon the formation of character and the development of the child's future usefulness as a member of society and a citizen of state and nation. Educators are unanimous in their approval of these special days thus far established and also in stating that the children themselves enter into the actual work of the planting of trees, vines, and shrubs with wonderful zest and enthusiasm. They also bear testimony to the fact that children in like manner take the same lively interest in the actual work of making children's gardens in connection with school work, which is proof positive that the same children would take the same kind of interest in studying practical ways and means of improving the roads and streets of our country. One of the things at which children like most to play is that of making play roads, which indicates that their minds are open and their hands are ready and willing to do certain things along this line in the way of actually making and improving walks on the school grounds and about their homes, etc., all of which activities can be given intelligent direction and suggestion in connection with special exercises that could be held with great profit on Good Roads Day. In view of these facts, therefore, Vick's Magazine suggests the idea of the establishment of a Good Roads Day to be generally observed by the public and private schools in the United States and other adjacent countries. And why not? In the Good Roads number of this publication, to be issued for June, will appear a most interesting symposium, to which contributions will be made by some of our most prominent educators and Good Roads enthusiasts and experts. This will prove an unusually interesting feature of our Good Roads number and no one should fail to secure this issue of Vick's Magazine.

A Splendid Movement The editor of Vick's Magazine recently had the great pleasure when in New York City of visiting the American Institute of Social Service, at whose head stands its heroic president, Rev. Dr. Josiah Strong, who believes and each day lives the splendid gospel that the highest and noblest expression that can be given to any religious system is constant service devoted to the welfare of human kind. A short editorial paragraph cannot even make a small beginning in setting forth the multitude of good things being done under Dr. Strong's inspiring leadership. One enterprise of special importance and far reaching results for human welfare is the holding in New York in the near future of an International Conference and Exhibit of safety appliances intended effectually to prevent the reckless loss of life that now prevails in railroading and other hazardous industries, especially in this country. In view of the recent terrible school calamity at Collinwood, Ohio, it is to be hoped that a special department will be maintained for the exhibit of carefully devised appliances for safeguarding the lives of school children in our public schools. A later number of Vick's Magazine will be devoted to the most excellent welfare work being carried forward by the Institute of Social Service.

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# Heralds of Spring

## The Seedmen and their Beauteous Catalogues

### A Happy Combination

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### The Flower Girl

Is the title of the annual announcement of Heller Brothers, New Castle, Ind., which abundantly proves that, in and about the Indiana town from which it is sent forth, the Rose is queen and a most fascinating, and gorgeously attired queen she is too. It is no disparagement to any of the other catalogues at hand to say that Heller Brothers' excels them all both in the happy conceptions of its author, in its delightful illustrations, and the truly artistic effects achieved in its mechanical execution. Evidently this firm has caught the inspiration of beauty imparted by the exquisite things in which it deals and has successfully transmitted that beauty to the printed page. If one were previously wholly obtuse to the elevating influences of flowers, the perusal of the beautiful "Flower Girl" would arouse him from his lethargy and create within him something of a love of flowers. A most engaging feature of "The Flower Girl" is that a distinctive human interest pervades its pages, thus emphasizing the truth of the statement made in the March issue "flowers are made for folks." Herewith Vick's

Magazine takes pleasure in introducing to its readers through the courtesy of Heller Brothers the beautiful "Flower Girl," who, by the way, is the charming little daughter of Mr. Myer Heller, the senior member of the firm.

### Where the Rose Reigns

One of the most attractive catalogues of the year comes from the Dingee and Conard Co., West Grove, Pa., and proves conclusively that in the floral kingdom of the Keystone State the Rose truly is sovereign. The examination of this beautiful catalogue makes one instinctively long to enjoy life in that fortunate land, where Dingee & Conard roses hold sway, for no court on earth could be more splendid and gorgeous and no royal realm abound with more exquisite beauty and fragrance than this one. Not only

does this annual make most tempting offerings of everything the heart could wish for in roses, but also a most attractive line of other floral favorites. The Dingee & Conard catalogue for 1908 is certainly a thing of beauty from cover to cover.

### Substantials First

As one examines the H. W. Buckbee seed annual of 1908, he finds the good things there in pictured and described served up very much as meals are in all well ordered homes: substantials first, delicacies, pie and cakes afterward. As one peruses the early pages, he is carried forward to the "good old summer time" now approaching, soon finds his mouth watering for the

feast of good things which planting of Buckbee's almost endless varieties of choice garden seeds will surely bring. Turning the pages one comes later to an equally attractive description of high grade flower seeds. No one desiring to be fully informed as to the latest and best in garden and flower seeds should fail to include Buckbee's catalogue for 1908, which comes from the Forest City Greenhouses, Rockford, Ill.

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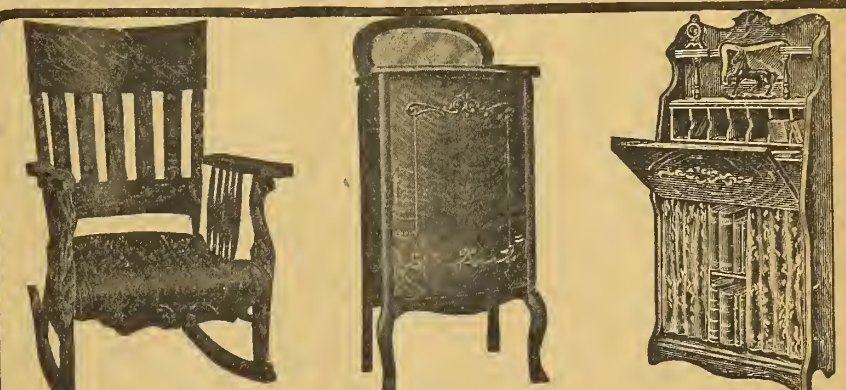
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"Thank God for grass! No other glory vies

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For the lawn the Iowa Seed Company offers a tempting variety of seeds and also gives ample instructions showing how properly to make and care for a good lawn, one that shall justify the old expression, "a thing of beauty is a joy forever." Not only does this company supply all kinds of seeds for the production of things of utility from the farm and garden, but also for the floral adornment of the home estate without and within. The lovers of roses, pinks, and pansies will find this company's offerings for 1908 specially attractive.

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### Geraniums

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## At the Point of the Needle

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ust as well follow this instruction, imply using white filo, for flower, instead of yellow, and using yellow shade or center, instead of brown. The sentiment of White Daisy is "Innocence." In embroidering the flower, start from the tip of a petal and work toward the center of the flower. In working leaves, start from the outer edge at the top and work toward the center vein.

**STEMS.**—Stems may be worked in satin stitch or with repeated rows of outline stitch. Begin at the right side of stem at the top. When the first row is finished, work the second row as close as possible to the first row, and so on until desired width of stem is filled.

**VEINS.**—For center vein for a leaf, make outline stitch, using second shade lighter or darker than the shade that comes next to the center vein. For side veins also use outline stitch in the like manner. In a leaf, if one side is shaded from light to dark, and the other side from dark to light, use medium shade for center vein, which makes contrast in shade to both sides. For the center of the flower, take two strands of filo into the needle and make French knots, commencing from the outer edge, and make them close to each other and gradually fill into the center. In shading the center of the flower, use brown shade for the outer edge, and shade gradually lighter toward the center. This shading may be reversed.

**CAUTION.**—The linen should be stretched (evenly) with grain of linen, never with bias of linen) drum-tight on the hoop. Take a soft sharp pencil and draw on the design the slant of stitches. In working, carefully follow these lines so that the proper slant can be obtained without difficulty.

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By A. R. Wilcox

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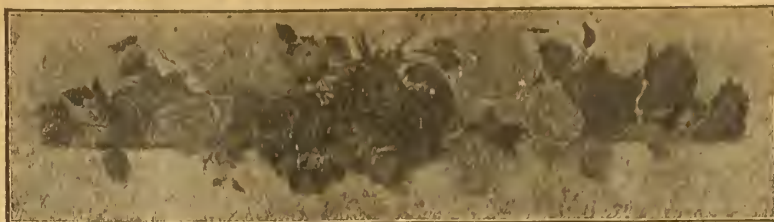
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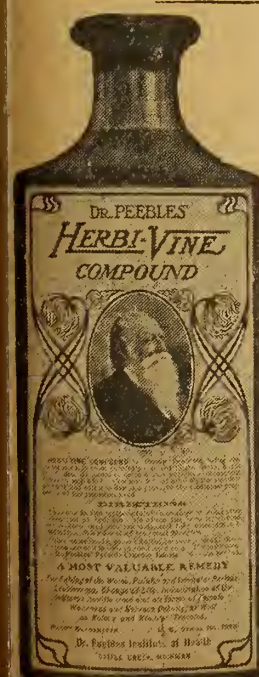
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## Silver Threads Among the Gold

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'Clear the darkened windows,  
Open wide the door,  
Let a little sunshine in.'

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As already indicated, the one whose magic touch gave wings to the verse of Miss Blenkhorn, and sent it forth upon its mission of blessing, was Prof. Charles H. Gabriel, the well known musical composer and publisher, of Chicago. He was born in Iowa, in 1857. The first seventeen years of his life he spent on the farm, where he acquired that physical, mental, and moral strength which has resulted in making him one of the most successful and best-known of his country's composers of music. Among the most popular of his productions may be mentioned: "Send the Light," "His Love," "He Is Mine, I Am His," and "Let the Sunshine In." He has also been a prolific writer of anthems, having issued five books in this particular line, besides many anthems prepared for other authors. In addition to his productions of gospel songs and anthems he has also attained marked success as a writer of cantatas for children.

Mr. Gabriel has also been prolific in popular songs many of which are very bright and taking, and have sold largely. He has also prepared two operettas, a class-book, a collection of piano duets, and another of 'Children's Songs.' Having received little or no instruction and being a self-made man, he has a style peculiarly his own.

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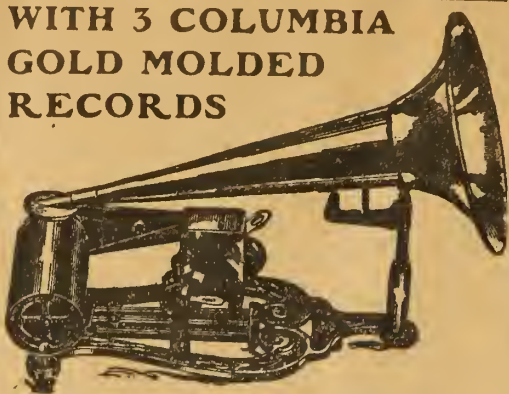
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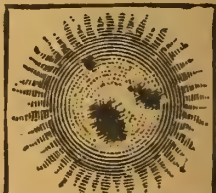
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## PERSONAL PARAGRAPH TO OUR READERS

EVERY lady reader of this paper ought to be interested in the offer made on this page. Here is a watch offered just for an effort. Here is a genuine gold plated watch absolutely given away just for **trying** for a premium. Look at the picture of the watch, and ask yourself how can any lady "pass up" this offer when the watch is given just for making an honest effort. Besides the watch there is a set of dishes. These dishes are not exactly free like the watch—it is a premium that you must earn **with only a slight effort**. You can earn it by a few hours' work. I know you can easily earn these dishes and anyway you get the beautiful gold watch free. Send your name and address to-day, either on the coupon, or send your name and address to-day in a letter; but write to-day to Mr. Roberts.

# Ladies!

Ladies, just write today for this elegant gold-plated watch, a watch that is stem wind and stem set and guaranteed to keep perfect time. You can have this watch just for your effort and promptness in fulfilling the simple conditions of the offer below.

**Remember this beautiful watch IS given away—it is sent you free, pre-**

**paid, just for your promptness and your effort in our**

**behalf.** Our object in giving you the watch is because we want to introduce our firm in your locality, but even if you do not earn the dishes, you can get the watch anyway. So send your name and address to-day. **That is all we ask.**

We will guarantee this watch to be gold-plated and genuine throughout. We guarantee it to you to be a good time-keeper, more substantial, more durable than many watches sold at high prices. It is only by special arrangement with the manufacturers, who want a few of these great watches introduced at once, that we are enabled to give this splendid gold-plated watch away with our magnificent set of dishes.

## An Honest Dinner Set Offer

**A real, high-grade, genuine Blue Willow Dinner Set.** Not given away, but easily earned. When we say easily earned, we mean easily earned. We do not intend to give you this genuine Blue Willow Dinner Set for nothing. We want some of your time and some of your recommendation and some work from you. We do not want any canvassing or peddling, but we want your help. We want just five hours' worth of your time, and you can give us your time in the evening or in any of your spare hours. If you haven't the time yourself, you can have your children help you. In fact your children can do **all** the work if you will only show them how. **Then this grand, glorious, genuine Blue Willow Dinner Set will be yours.** It will be sent you absolutely free of charge to you, and you pay absolutely nothing for it. Not one penny of your money will we accept.

**We cannot describe the beauty of this genuine Blue Willow Dinner Set,** with its handsome decorations. So handsome and aristocratic that they fill every woman with rapture. We know that a great many dinner sets have been sold which are not up to expectations, and when we tell you that this is genuine Blue Willow China it ought to be enough. It ought to convince you that we mean what we say, that our offer is an honest one, and that when you have done the work for us, you will get this Dinner Set free. This grand Dinner Set is really worth your while, a Dinner Set of which you and your family will be proud—for this is not a cheap premium, but just the kind of a Dinner Set you would buy at the store for a high price.

**There are sixty-one pieces in this beautiful set.** We have smaller sets of this glorious Blue Willow ware. We have 24-piece sets and entrancing 30 and 35-piece sets. We also have sets of 176 pieces if you want that many. And every piece is the rarest and best china we can give.

**I know you want that kind of china on your table.** I want you to have the very best china—the kind of china used in the homes of rich people. I want you to have it and enjoy it, and I want you to picture to yourself how your table will look set with the beautiful genuine Blue Willow china. Look closely at the picture of the dishes. See the handsome and aristocratic decorations—a picture can hardly do justice to the set, but you can get a faint idea of the beauty of the dishes by looking at the picture.

**See the rich oriental effect.** Even though you become very rich and have the finest kind of house furnishings, you will always be proud to entertain your friends with this Dinner Set, for everyone knows that when you have the genuine Blue Willow china you have the **best** that can be obtained any place.

**Now do you want this Dinner Set?** This beautiful, genuine Blue Willow Dinner Set, just for a few of your spare hours? Would not your children, or your neighbors or some of the members of your family be willing to help you on the little work we ask? We do not want to delay you one minute. Our offer is limited. Those who want to earn the Dinner Set, should earn it at once.

## Just Your Name and Address

**Just your name and address on this coupon or on a postal card, or in a letter will be enough.** We will promptly send you the material so that you can earn the beautiful genuine Blue Willow Dinner Set. If you decide that you cannot do the work, or that your children don't want to, there is no harm done—just return the material, and you will be under no obligations whatever. We do not ask you to sign any order or any contracts. **Just your name and address and** we will send you everything prepaid, and it will cost you nothing. "Thinking about it" does not earn you any Blue Willow Dinner Set. No harm done if you don't succeed. Send **your name and address today.** Remember, the gold plated watch, stem wind and stem set, free anyway, just for trying, as is fully explained in our circular. Write at once.

M. S. ROBERTS, Mgr.  
DEPT. 1231  
41 Dearborn Avenue, Chicago, Ill.



**This Beautiful Watch is Free**

Yes, we mean **FREE**, if you send your name and address at once and fulfill these simple conditions of our great offer. Just send your name and address and tell us you want the watch.



--- CUT OR TEAR OFF ALONG THIS LINE ---

**M. S. Roberts, Manager Dept. 1231**  
**41 Dearborn Avenue, Chicago, Ill.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Do not bother with letter Coupon will do.



# One Agent Made \$3,200 Last Year Working For Me!

MRS. D. E. WISMER, of Chicago, Ill., made that much money in twelve months selling my goods. You can do as well or better because my Nineteen Quick-Selling Novelties are necessities in every home.

**I Will Give You a Sample Outfit, Worth \$6.30, and My Lessons In Salesmanship FREE**

I WANT more men and women and boys and girls to work for me. I want you to work for me if you want to work. You can make \$3.00 to \$10.00 a day by a few hours daily work right in your own community.

I will do everything I can to help you. I will give you a sample outfit worth \$6.30. Free, and my course of lessons in salesmanship.

After reading my lessons in salesmanship, one of my agents started out to work. He called on ten families. To eight of the ten he sold one of my household necessities and his profit was \$3.00 for two hours work. This is not an unusual experience.

There are many ways to make money, but if you want to make big money, and make it quick, you must sell my line of household necessities. I don't care who you are **all I want to know is that you are honest and that you really want to work. Experience is not necessary because I teach you and make you a real salesman, absolutely free of charge.**

While any one can easily sell my goods, it stands to reason that a well trained salesman will sell three or four times as many goods as one who is untrained. That is why I go to such expense and trouble to teach my agents to sell goods successfully.

The lessons in salesmanship, that I give you free, will enable you to earn from \$300.00 to \$600.00 more every year, even after you give up my work. You cannot afford to take one chance of losing this opportunity of increasing your salary or income the rest of your life, and that is just what this offer means to you.



Last year Mrs. D. E. Wismer, 1762 Arlington Place, Chicago, made \$10.26 a day, that is \$3,200.00 a year, selling my goods. I have many agents who make nearly as much money as Mrs. Wismer.

I manufacture only the best and quickest selling necessities, because, after **20 years of responsible business experience**, I know just what agents want and what they can sell most easily and quickly. When you handle this line of goods with **100% profit, you double your money on every sale you make**, and you are then on the right road to success. **You are your own boss**—you control your own trade in your own territory and you earn, according to your own ability, from **\$4.00 to \$10.00 a day**. Remember, my firm is the only firm in the country that can **guarantee its agents a minimum profit of \$4.00 for every day they work**.

This is the **chance of your life** to get into a good money making business of your own, so be wise, don't wait or waste any time; fill in the attached coupon and mail same to me with one dollar and I will ship you the complete outfit mentioned above. But do it **now**, don't waste time, because every day is worth \$5.00 at least.

## Complete Sample Outfit Free

	RETAIL PRICES
Grips and Ironing Board Sample.....	10c
Grips for Ironing Board, set of 12.....	35c
Grips for Ironing Board, set of 8.....	25c
Grips for Holding Bed Covers, 6.....	25c
Grip for Sewing or Work Holder.....	10c
*E-Z Sanitary Belt, Lisle, Dr. Young's.....	40c
*E-Z Sanitary Belt, Merc., Dr. Young's.....	50c
*E-Z Sanitary Belt, Small Buckle.....	35c
E-Z Sanitary Napkin Pattern.....	5c
Midget Waist and Skirt Supporter.....	25c
Ribbon Bearer, Young's Three-Eye.....	15c
Skirt or Trouser Hanger (Dana).....	15c
Hat Fasteners, Style B (Fair's).....	25c
Dip Pin or Waist Extender.....	10c
Hose Sup., Ladies' Plain (Young's).....	35c
Hose Sup., Children's Plain (Young's).....	20c
Hose Sup., Men's (Young's).....	25c
Dust Pan, Long Handle.....	25c
Elegant FREE Sample Case, worth.....	\$2.00
<b>Total, \$6.30</b>	

This complete sample outfit, with a handsome \$2.00 Sample Case, together with my full instructions how to make from \$4.00 to \$10.00 per day, **all Free to you if you mean business.**

**Read my Special Sample Case offer.**

\*When sample outfit is ordered by man or boy, we leave out the Sanitary Belts and substitute a \$1.25 garter purse, unless otherwise instructed.

## My Special Sample Case Offer.

I DO not charge you a penny for my complete line of samples, packed in an elegant free \$2.00 sample case, ready for work. I do not sell them to you—they belong to me, I just let you use them to sell goods. Last year many dishonest people got these samples because they were free—and never went to work—I never heard from them again and consequently I lost money. Now I mean business and to show me that you mean business, I want you to send me \$1.00 as a deposit for these goods, which are worth \$6.30. My full instructions how to become a successful agent, are absolutely free with samples. You realize that I am taking all the risk, as the samples are worth much more than the small deposit I want you to make, which is merely to prove to me that you do mean business.

To show you that I am fair and honest, I allow you to deduct the \$1.00 deposit from your first \$5.00 order; or, if for any reason you are not successful and do not make at least \$4.00 a day, return the samples in good condition and I will gladly refund your money. Isn't this a fair proposition? Could I possibly be more liberal?

Our reference:—Dun's or Bradstreet's Commercial Agency, any Bank, Express Company or large business firm in Chicago. If you have the slightest doubt about our honesty or financial standing, we will not only ask you, but we will consider it a favor if you will drop a line to the Hamilton National Bank of Chicago and ask what they think of our Honesty and Responsibility.

When writing to the Bank for reference send Self Addressed, Stamped Envelope.

**Cut Out This COUPON and Mail It Today.**

A. M. YOUNG & CO.,  
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I hereby accept the agency for your patented quick selling household necessities. Send me the complete \$6.30 sample outfit which is free to me. The (\$1.00) which I enclose herewith is simply a deposit to show that I mean business. I will deduct the \$1.00 from my first \$5.00 order or if I can't earn \$4.00 a day I will return the samples in good condition and you, A. M. Young & Co., agree to return to me my one dollar (\$1.00) deposit.

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To get right outfit, write Mr. Mrs. or Miss, name and address plainly,

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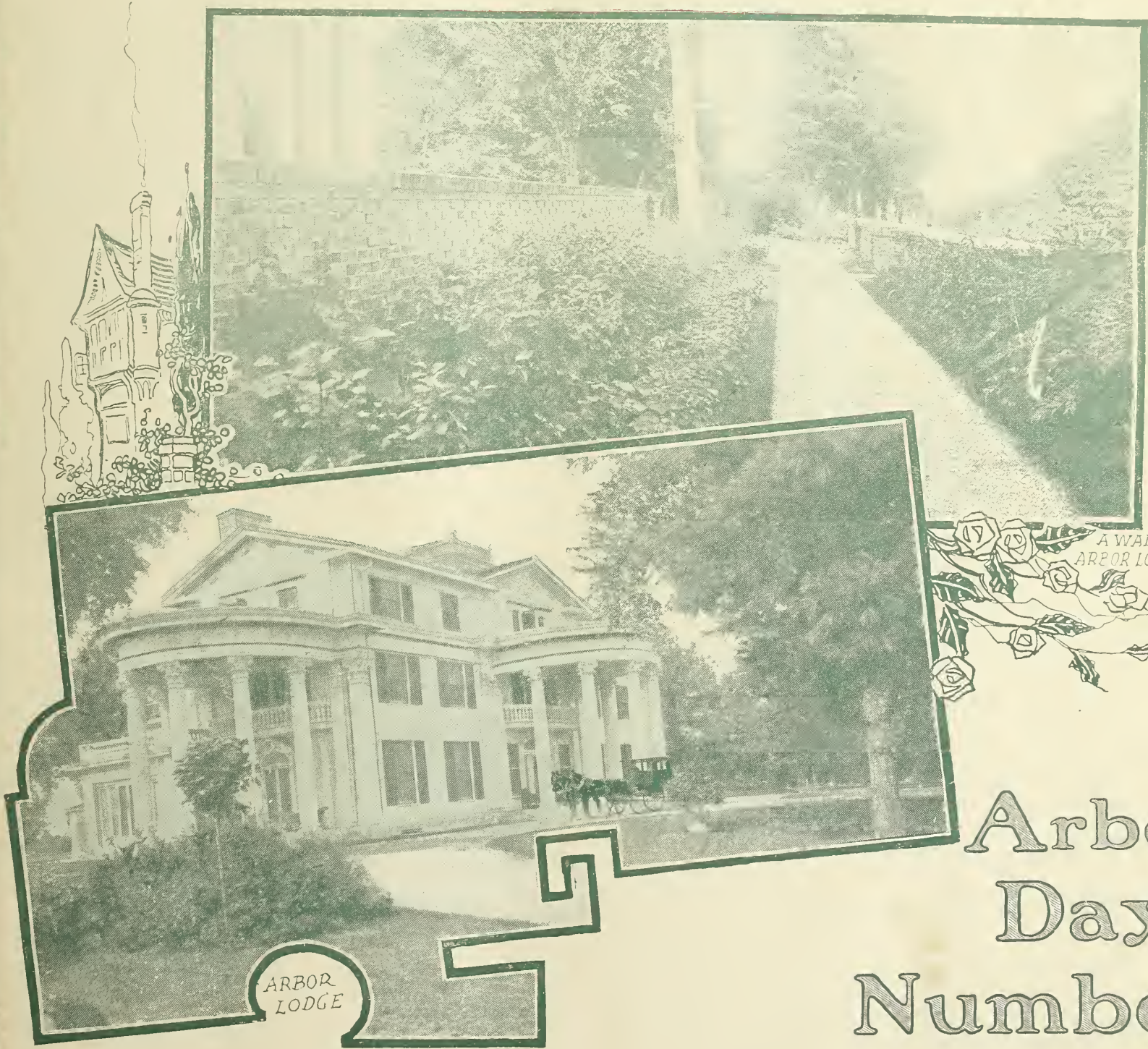
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# DISEASE CAN BE CURED

## WITHOUT THE USE OF MEDICINE

# WE PROVE IT TO YOU



This cut shows how the Magnetic waves from the vest, which is one of the most powerful shields we manufacture, envelope the entire trunk of the body and saturate the patient with powerful Magnetic vibrations. The vest contains over 800 powerful Magnetic storage batteries constantly radiating over 800 streams of Magnetic energy into the vital organs and nerve centers, keeping the patient continually bathed in a stream of this revitalizing force. We make shields for every part of the body, all described in our new book, "A Plain Road To Health." Free to all who send descriptions of their cases.

**We prove every statement we make.  
We do not ask you to take our word as final evidence.**

When we say disease can be cured without the use of medicine, we mean every word we say. Every word of it is true. We prove it by living witnesses. Not only in one case, nor a hundred cases, but in thousands of cases, where the patients state in joyful satisfaction that they have been cured after their cases had been considered incurable.

We are constantly on the lookout for other diseases to prove it on. We prove it to anybody—in fact we want to prove it to everybody. We do not care what the disease is, nor how severe it is, nor how many other diseases are complicated with it. We can show you parallel cases that have been cured by the famous Thacher Magnetic Shields, and these cases are sound and well today as living monuments to the grand revitalizing power of Magnetism.

These Magnetic Shields keep the body bathed in a constant stream of Magnetism, which floods the system with its life and energy.

Patients are often told that they have incurable diseases. We want to tell you right here that nearly all of these cases can be cured, and we can prove it to you. More than 75 per cent of all the patients that we have cured were first given up as beyond all hope of cure, and they have been made sound and well by applying Magnetism according to scientific instruction.

All we ask of you is to send us a full statement of your case so that we may give it careful study, and we will advise you fully by letter just what can be done for you, and how it can be done.

We will agree to tell you all about it and prove to you, by evidence that cannot be denied, that all we say is true.

We will point you to cases of paralysis, consumption, diabetes, Bright's disease, locomotor ataxia, dyspepsia, rheumatism, tumors, nervous prostration, obesity and a hundred and one other diseases that are called incurable. We can show you the most incontestable proof that we have cured them.

We have cured these cases after they had been given up to die.

When you write, don't be afraid that we are going to try to sell you something. We know that if we can prove to your satisfaction all we say, you will want the Thacher Magnetic Shields without any urging from us, because we prove that they will do just what we say they will do. There is nothing else on earth to take their place, and do as much as they can do. Read the evidence in these letters from grateful patrons who have been cured.

## READ THIS POSITIVE INDISPUTABLE EVIDENCE

### "GOD BLESS DR. THACHER!"—CURED OF PARALYSIS OF LOWER HALF OF BODY OF SIXTEEN YEARS' STANDING.

THACHER MAGNETIC SHIELD CO., CHICAGO, ILL.

Dear Sir:—It would take a large amount of space to give a history of my case from start to finish, but for the sake of suffering humanity I will give a few words to help along, if possible, the great work you are doing for the afflicted. In 1883 I was taken with malarial fever of typhoid form, causing complete muscular paralysis. By the aid of the best medical skill in the East, I became, after several years able to sit up and use my arms, but my lower limbs remained paralyzed until after I put on the Magnetic Shields in 1899, sixteen years afterward. My case is a noted one in York State, and all the medical fraternity decided I would never be able to walk again. Dr. C. I. Thacher said I could and would walk again, and he was right and all the rest were wrong. It is needless to say that I had spent money freely all these years without receiving results, until I found the Magnetic Shields. We who have been restored by its wonderful power begin to realize the great work being accomplished by Dr. Thacher, and we would be unjust to our Creator and to our fellow beings, as well as being very ungrateful, if we did not use all our efforts and powers in spreading the grand truth, bringing greatest joy and hope to the chronic invalid, deliverance from disaster, transition from the old life to the new. "I am one of the thousands who with all my heart can say fervently, 'God bless Dr. Thacher, and his great work.'" All personal letters, enclosing stamp for reply, will be promptly answered for those wishing minute data of my case. Yours truly,

CLARENCE D. SMITH, R. F. D. No. 6, Rome, N. Y.

### CATARRH OF STOMACH AND BOWELS AND BORDERING ON PARALYSIS COMPLETELY CURED AFTER ALL HOPE OF CURE HAD BEEN GIVEN UP.

For the benefit of the sick and suffering I wish to make the following statement: Jan. 16, 1906.  
I had been afflicted with catarrh of the stomach and bowels and general debility, bordering on

paralysis, for the past fifteen years. For two years I lived altogether on fresh fish and dry bread and milk. After a while I had to quit fish, and for three months I lived on toasted bread and milk, and kept getting worse until I had to quit work, having no strength left. Myself and friends thought that my time in this world was short, having all this time been in the hands of at least twelve doctors, some noted specialists, and the doctors all diagnosed my case as catarrh of the bowels and stomach. After I had given up all hope of getting well again, a friend of mine who had taken Dr. Thacher's treatment, advised me to consult the doctor. I wrote him and he advised me to come to him and he would greatly benefit me. I made up my mind to make one more effort and give him a trial, and the result was I went to Chicago and was six weeks under his treatment, and today I am as well and sound as ever I was, am attending to my business, which requires from sixteen to twenty hours a day. I eat anything that is set before me, having perfect digestion, and I think Dr. Thacher's treatment is a blessing to suffering humanity, and would advise persons with chronic diseases to consult him as I honestly believe he can do for others what he has done for me. Very truly,

J. Y. KECK,  
17 E. Third St., Pottstown, Pa.

### A WONDERFUL CURE OF SPINAL DISEASE—HELPLESS FOR MANY YEARS—NOW COMPLETELY RESTORED.

Dear Doctor Thacher:—My experience has convinced me that there is no other healing agent like Magnetic Shields.

I used them for spinal trouble and the Shields did the work of lifting me from a chronic invalid to a well and busy woman, at the same time reducing my weight from 250 pounds to 180 pounds.

Obey nature's laws, wear Dr. Thacher's Shields and you do not need to be sick. May the light of truth dawn on the intelligent minds and teach them the way to be healthy and happy. May God's blessing rest on your good work.

Very truly yours,  
MISS ADA DICKINSON, Farmdale, Ohio.

We have thousands of just such letters. They come unsolicited in every mail every day in the year. People write to us from Maine to California, stating they have been cured of disease that had been considered incurable. Do not be discouraged. Do not give up hope—no matter if you have been told your trouble could not be cured. Investigate our claims. It is a duty you owe yourself. All we ask is for you to write us a full and complete description of your case and let us PROVE TO YOU THAT WE CAN CURE YOU. We will send you free of charge our new book, "A PLAIN ROAD TO HEALTH," by C. I. Thacher, M. D., containing most valuable information on the subject, and we will advise you just what application of MAGNETISM will be required to cure your case. Write us fully today and we will take the same careful pains to advise you as if you could call at the office and see us in person.

**THACHER MAGNETIC SHIELD CO., Inc.,**

**SUITE 204, 169 WABASH AVENUE,  
CHICAGO, ILL.**



TEN BEAUTIFUL ROSES FREE! WILL BLOOM THIS SEASON



What is more beautiful than a lawn or garden full of Roses, or a magnificent Lady Gay Rambler for covering buildings, trellises, or for covering up the barren spots about the home and lawn? There is no cottage so humble or mansion so magnificent that its beauty cannot be enhanced by this queen of all flowers, the Rose. We have arranged to give ten choice Rose plants free to our readers. They are one year old, well rooted, not clippings, and are the finest specimens that grow. No better, more healthy or beautiful plants are grown anywhere.

**Lady Gay.** The beautiful new Pink Climbing Rambler Rose a new departure in color with this celebrated family. The color is a rich cherry pink on opening, passing to the varying tints found only in the beautiful sea shells. Won the honors and medals wherever exhibited at home and abroad. A thoroughbred American.

**Pink Baby Rambler.** A new dwarf Rose with shining brilliant pink flowers that are produced in the greatest profusion.

**Crimson Baby Rambler.** An everblooming dwarf Rambler Rose that blooms every day in the year, of brilliant ruby rose color, cannot be beaten for growing in pots or for bedding.

**Pink Cochet.** Superb flowers of enormous size of rich coral pink color shaded with rosy crimson lovely shell-like petals.

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**Bouquet of Gold.** Very large perfectly double flowers of rich golden yellow.

**Red Cochet.** The buds and flowers are large, double and very sweet of a rich bright crimson color.

**President Carnot.** Beautiful and exquisitely formed flowers of delicate rosy blush delightfully fragrant.

**The Bride.** The beautiful pure white rose with perfect form and a favorite with all.

**Snowflake.** One of the freest flowering pure white roses. A perfect gem for garden or pot culture.

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Send us the names of 5 boys between the age of 8 and 14 years and 50c for a year's subscription to Spare Moments Magazine, and we will send you the above 10 Rose Plants carefully packed and prepaid.

ADDRESS, SPARE MOMENTS, DEPT. R. V. ROCHESTER, N. Y.

**LADIES** wanted to work for us a few hours each day. Pleasant and enjoyable work. Address for particulars and Handy Outfit FREE The Cushman Co., Dept. 218, Springfield, Mass.

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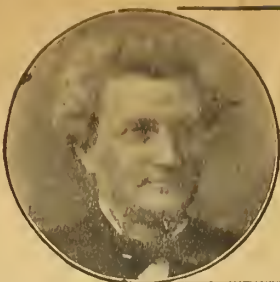
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100 Photo Engravings of ranch and farm views, a correct Colorado county map, Government land and mining laws, etc. Tells how huge fortunes are being made in the west, describes great ranches and cowboy life. Reads like a romance yet absolutely true. Editions cost \$3,500 to issue. Truthfully describes Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming and Texas Panhandle. Unbiased, disinterested.

**Free!** Solely to introduce our big western farm, ranch and family magazine, we will send you the above great book, map and our big magazine a whole year on trial for 30c cash or stamps. Clubs of 3 and 3 books 70c, 5 for \$1.00. Our magazine contains 64 or more columns monthly, tells all about the west, scenery, views, etc. Send today.

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**To Subscribers.** THIS PARAGRAPH when marked in blue pencil is notice that the time for which your subscription is paid, ends with this issue. It is also an invitation to renew promptly, for while VICK'S MAGAZINE will be sent for a short period after the expiration of paid-up subscriptions it should be understood that all subscriptions are due in advance and we cannot allow your subscription to become more than four months in arrears. Order Blank for renewal enclosed for your convenience.

Please notice that if you wish your magazine discontinued it is your duty to notify us by letter or card immediately. Otherwise, we shall understand that you wish it continued and shall expect your renewal at an early date. In writing always give your name and address just as they appear on your magazine.

**To Our Contributors.** All manuscripts, drawings or photographs sent on approval to this magazine should be addressed to the Editor, James Coursen Bartholf, Dansville, N. Y., with stamps enclosed for their return if not found acceptable.

WITH THE PUBLISHERS

The publishers of Vick's Magazine are happy—decidedly so; and "there's a reason"—a good one, too. The reading public is treating this magazine handsomely—better, far better, the past two months than during any other like period in the more than thirty years since its founding by the late James Vick. More names have been added to our list, more renewals have come in, and more money has been received on subscription account than during any previous two months in the publication's history. March proved a record breaker and the publishers thought that April would show a decline of income from subscriptions, but no. On the contrary the daily receipts for the first twenty days of the month averaged far above the corresponding days of March. Our clerical force has been greatly increased and yet we have been unable to keep up with the rush. This statement will explain the situation to some who have been wondering why they have not heard from the orders they have sent in. To all such we would say: just be patient; your wishes will be carried into effect at the earliest possible moment. This unprecedented growth of circulation is most gratifying and proves that the efforts of the management to improve the magazine are thoroughly appreciated by the intelligent readers.

ANOTHER EVIDENCE

Of the growing popularity of Vick's Magazine was clearly indicated in last month's issue by the splendid endorsements appearing in the Sunshine and Welfare Symposium from leading statesmen, scholars, educators, poets, authors, and publicists, most of whose names are known from ocean to ocean. Many other letters have been received from our readers from all parts of the nation heartily endorsing the editorial attitude and policy of the New Vick's and the work this publication is doing on behalf of Sunshine, Forestry, Good Roads, and other Human Welfare movements.

FUTURE WELFARE NUMBERS

As previously announced, the June number will be a Good Roads issue and will contain much valuable information and suggestion on this most important subject, which will be made intensely interesting. Among the leading features of the month will be the able, comprehensive and statesmanlike address delivered by Pres. Theodore Roosevelt before the Good Roads Convention at St. Louis, and also a timely article by Hon. L. W. Page, Director of the office of Public Roads, Washington, D. C. The Midsummer special number will be decidedly patriotic in tone and will give particular attention to the last great commonwealth to be added to the Union, Oklahoma.

While the schedule for the ensuing year has not been definitely arranged as yet, it is safe to state that among the numbers of great human interest that will appear during the ensuing twelve months, will be: Human Welfare in Industry, The Happy Farm Home, Women's Welfare, The City Beautiful,

The Woman's Club Movement, Human Welfare in Railroad, School and College Welfare, Land Irrigation and Reclamation, and Children's Welfare. All these subjects are of vital interest to the people everywhere and no one desiring to keep fully abreast with the great forward movements of the Twentieth Century can afford to be without Vick's Magazine.

In one of our late autumn numbers will appear a most charming and exquisitely told story by Miss Clara Morris, entitled "The Princess Porcelain."

In the early autumn the New Vick's will publish an article by our greatest American poet, Mr. Edwin Markham, entitled "Give Her of the Fruit of Her Hand," the reading of which will bring hope and cheer to every woman's heart and a higher appreciation of true womanhood to every man.

OUR OKLAHOMA NUMBER

Will be patriotic in tone and will specialize regarding the great new Commonwealth of Oklahoma, the last state to add its star to the coronet of the Nation's glory. This number will contain articles of thrilling interest regarding the romantic Indian life that formerly prevailed in the territory that now constitutes this wonderful state. In addition will be other articles showing the marvelous development of the state, its many advantages, its industrial growth and progress, and its achievements in solving many of the difficult problems of civilization.

A SPLENDID SERIAL STORY

As announced in the April number there begins in this issue of Vick's Magazine a high-grade serial story by an author well known to fame, Mrs. Fannie E. Newberry, who, a few years since, wrote for David C. Cook, the eminent publisher of Sunday School papers, the \$1,000 prize story, "The Wrestler of Philippi," a book of deep interest and great power, which has run through several editions and had a very large sale. The story beginning in this number is entitled "Unchaperoned in Spain" and gives a thrilling account of the adventures of a bright and vivacious typical American girl when apart from her touring party for one brief day. The story also gives a vivid word picture of life in Spain.

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Every one desiring to become thoroughly posted on the important subjects of Arboriculture and Forestry should become the possessor of the following most excellent works: "A Primer of Forestry" ("Parts I and II) by Hon. Gifford Pinchot, Chief of the Forest Service, Washington, D. C.; "Practical Arboriculture," by John P. Brown & Co., Connerville, Ind., President of the American Arboriculture Association; and "Getting Acquainted With The Trees," by J. Horace McFarland, Harrisburg, Penn., President of the American Civic Association. All these splendid books are beautifully illustrated and enter a most earnest and eloquent plea for the tree.

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A miniature gas works—penny fuel for every family—save  $\frac{1}{3}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  on cost—save dirt and drudgery—no more coal or wood to carry—ashes unknown—absolute safety.

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A genius of Cincinnati has invented a new, scientific oil-gas generator that is proving a blessing to women folks, enabling them to cook with gas—relieving them of drudgery. Makes cooking and housework a delight and at the same time often saves  $\frac{1}{3}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  in cost of fuel.

How often have many of our lady readers remarked that they would give anything to get rid of the drudgery of using the dirty coal and wood stoves—also the smoky oil wick stoves and their gasoline stoves which are so dangerous and liable to cause explosions or fire at any time.

Well, that day has arrived and a fine substitute has been discovered and every family can now have gas fuel for cooking, baking and heating and not have their kitchens a hot, fiery furnace in summer, and be carrying coal and ashes—ruining their looks and health.

### Thousands a Week

Upon calling at the factory we found that this invention has caused a remarkable excitement all over the U. S.—that the factory is already rushed with thousands of orders and evidently the Company's representatives and agents are making big profits as they offer splendid inducements.

As will be noticed from the engraving, this OIL-GAS GENERATOR is entirely different from any other stove—although its construction is very simple—may be easily and safely operated and is built on the latest scientific principles, having no valves, which is a marked improvement, as all valves are liable to leak, carbonize, clog up or overflow.

By simply moving a knob the oil is automatically fed to a small, steel burner bowl or retort where it is instantly changed into gas, which is drawn upwards between two red hot perforated steel chimneys, thoroughly mixed with air and consumed, giving a bright blue flame—hottest gas fire, similar in color and heating power to natural gas.

This invention has been fully protected in the U. S. Patent Office and is known as the HARRISON VALVELESS, WICKLESS, AUTOMATIC OIL-GAS GENERATOR—the only one yet discovered that consumes the carbon and by-products of the oil.

The extremely small amount of Kerosene Oil that is needed to produce so large a volume of gas makes it one of the most economical fuels on earth and the reason for the great success of this Generator is based on the well known fact of the enormous expansiveness of oil-gas when mixed with oxygen or common air.

Oil-gas is proving so cheap that 15c to 30c a week should furnish fuel gas for cooking for a small family.

Kerosene oil from which oil-gas is made may be purchased in every grocery—is cheap and a gallon of it will furnish a hot, blue flame gas fire in the burner for about 18 hours and as a stove is only used 3 or 4 hours a day in most families for cooking, the expense of operating would be but little.

In addition to its cheapness is added the comfort, cleanliness—absence of soot, coal, dirt, ashes, etc.

What pleasure to just turn on the oil—light the gas—a hot fire ready to cook. When through, turn it off. Just think; a little kerosene oil—one match—light—a beautiful blue gas flame—hottest fire—always ready—quick meals—a gas stove in your home.

It generates the gas only as needed—is not complicated, but simple—easily operated and another feature is its PERFECT SAFETY.

### NOT DANGEROUS LIKE GASOLINE

And liable to explode and cause fire at any moment. This stove is so safe that you could drop a match in the oil tank and it would go out.

This Oil-Gas Stove does any kind of cooking that a coal or gas range will do—invaluable for the kitchen, laundry—summer cottage—washing—ironing—camping, etc. Splendid for canning fruit—with a portable oven placed over the burner splendid baking can be done.

### Another Important Feature

Is the invention of a small Radiator Attachment which if placed over the burner makes a desirable heating stove during the fall and winter so that the old cook stove may be done away with entirely.

While at the factory in Cincinnati the writer was shown thousands of letters from customers who were using this wonderful oil-gas stove, showing that it is not an experiment but a positive success and giving splendid satisfaction and as a few extracts may be interesting to our readers we produce them:

L. S. Norris, of Vt., writes: "The Harrison Oil-Gas Generators are wonderful savers of fuel—at least 50% to 75% over wood and coal."

Mr. H. Howe, of N. Y., writes: "I find the Harrison is the first and only perfect oil-gas stove I have ever seen—so simple anyone can safely use it. It is what I have wanted for years. Certainly, a blessing to human kind."

Mr. E. D. Arnold, of Nebr., writes: "That he saved \$4.25 a month for fuel by using the Harrison Oil-Gas Stove. That his gas range cost him \$5.50 per month and the Harrison only \$1.25 per month."

J. A. Shafer, of Pa., writes: "The Harrison Oil-Gas Stove makes an intense heat from a small quantity of oil—entirely free from smoke or smell—great improvement over any other oil stove. Has a perfect arrangement for combustion—can scarcely be distinguished from a natural gas fire."

Mr. H. B. Thompson, of Ohio, writes: "I congratulate you on such a grand invention to aid the poor in this time of high fuel. The mechanism is so simple—easily operated—no danger. The color of the gas flame is beautiful dark blue, and so hot seems almost double as powerful as gasoline."

Mrs. J. L. Hamilton, writes: "Am delighted—Oil-Gas Stoves so much nicer and cheaper than others—no wood, coal, ashes, smoke, no pipe, no wick, cannot explode."

Hou. Ira Eble, J. P., of Wis., writes: "Well pleased with the Harrison—far ahead of gasoline. No smoke or dirt—no trouble. Is perfectly safe—no danger of explosion like gasoline."

Chas. B. Bendeke, of N. Y., writes: "It is a pleasure to be the owner of your wonderful Oil-Gas Stove—no coal yard, plumbing—ashes or dust. One match lights the stove and in 10 minutes breakfast is ready. No danger from an explosion—no



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smoke—no dirt—simply turn it off and expense ceases. For cheapness it has no equal."

Agents are doing fine—Making big money  
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Geo. Robertson, of Maine, writes: "Am delighted with Oil-Gas, so are my friends—took 12 orders in 3 days."

A. B. Slimp, of Texas, writes: "I want the agency—in a day and a half took over a dozen orders."

Edward Wilson, of Mo., writes: "The Harrison very satisfactory—Sold 5 stoves first day I had mine."

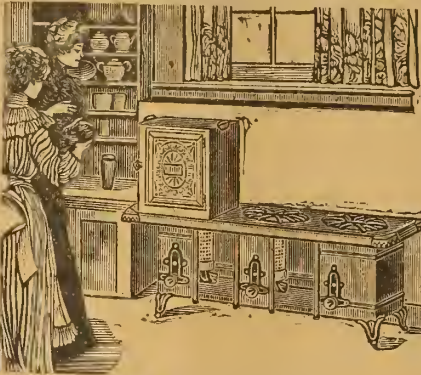
J. H. Halman, of Tenn., writes: "Already have 70 orders."

This is certainly a good chance for our readers to make money this summer.

Hundreds of other prominent people highly endorse and recommend oil-gas fuel and there certainly seems to be no doubt that it is a wonderful improvement over other stoves.

The writer personally saw these Oil-Gas Stoves in operation—in fact, uses one in his own home—is delighted with its working and after a thorough investigation can say to our readers that this Harrison Oil-Gas Stove made by the Cincinnati firm is the only perfect burner of its kind.

It is made in three sizes, 1, 2 or 3 generators to a stove. They are made of steel throughout—thoroughly tested before shipping—sent out complete—ready for use as soon as received—nicely finished with nickel trimmings and as there seems to be nothing about it to wear out, they should last for years. They seem to satisfy and delight every user and the makers fully guarantee them.



### HOW TO GET ONE

All our lady readers who want to enjoy the pleasures of a gas stove—the cheapest, cleanest and safest fuel—save  $\frac{1}{3}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  on fuel bills and do their cooking, baking, ironing and canning fruit at small expense should have one of these remarkable stoves.

Space prevents a more detailed description, but these oil-gas stoves will bear out the most exacting demand for durability and satisfactory properties.

If you will write to the only makers,

WORLD MFG. CO.,  
6886 World Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

and ask for their illustrated pamphlet describing this invention and also letters from hundreds of delighted users you will receive much valuable information.

The price of these Stoves is remarkably low, only \$3.25 up. And it is indeed, difficult to imagine where that amount of money could be invested in anything else that would bring such saving in fuel bills, so much good health and satisfaction to our wives.

### DON'T FAIL TO WRITE TODAY

For full information regarding this splendid invention.

The World Mfg. Co., is composed of prominent business men of Cincinnati, are perfectly responsible and reliable, capital \$100,000.00 and will do just as they agree. The stoves are just as represented and fully warranted.

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A wonderful wave of excitement has swept over the country, for where shown these Oil-Gas Stoves have caused great excitement. Oil-Gas fuel is so economical and delightful that the sales of these Stoves last month were enormous and the factory is rushed with thousands of orders.

Many of our readers have spare time, or are out of employment and others are not making a great deal of money, and we advise them to write to the firm and secure an agency for this invention. Exhibit this stove before 8 or 10 people and you excite their curiosity and should be able to sell 5 or 8 and make \$10.00 to \$15.00 a day. Why should people live in penury or suffer hardships for the want of plenty of money when an opportunity of this sort is open?



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The hardy perennial flowers are tenacious and free-blooming, and will yield a glorious return for the modicum of cost and labor of raising them. Living and blooming for years, they are a never-failing source of real garden enjoyment. Don't fail to start a bed of hardy perennials this season.

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## ARBOR DAY SYMPOSIUM

## A Blossoming Bough

BY EDWIN MARKHAM

A blossoming bough against the sky,  
And all my blood is aleap with life,  
As though glad violins went by  
In wild delicious strife!

And the Suisun Hills again are green!  
And I am a boy in the canyons deep,  
Where the gray sycamores flicker and lean  
And waters plunge, and sleep.

A light quick wind blows into my heart,  
Faint with the odor of apple trees;  
And my lyric lark is back with a start—  
And orchards, like white seas!



## The Planting

BY FRANK WILLIAM HOWE

Sweet Summer's breath is in the air  
On bursting bud and spreading leaf,  
And everywhere  
Sad nature's grief  
O'er winter's blight is gone,—  
Gone is the cold and gloom  
Of the old year's death—the dawn  
Of hope is here!  
Make room  
For the throbbing life of another year!

Stir deep the soil,  
And plant the swelling seeds  
Of a stately growth. Let toil  
Be consecrated to life's needs.  
Plant noble thoughts with the trees we set;  
With cheerful smile do faithful deeds  
And wait—faint not nor fret.

As giant oaks from acorns grow,  
So character's proportions rise  
From thoughts and acts and habits slow  
Built upward to the skies.



## The Acorn

BY ADA BLENKHORN

The acorn, planted in the ground,  
Becomes a mighty tree;  
Beneath its shadow cool and deep  
We rest, from labor free.  
The tiny streams that lightly leap  
Adown the mountain side,  
A mighty river soon will flow  
To join the ocean wide.

The winning smile, the cheerful word,  
The touch of kindly hand  
May help some sad and doubting soul  
For God and truth to stand,  
Upon the tree of smallest growth  
The sweetest fruit we find,  
And souls we rescue from despair  
The richest sheaves may bind.

Then gladly will we day by day  
Perform our kindest deeds,  
And minister with gentle hand  
To others' sorest needs.  
While helping some discouraged heart  
Who long alone hath striven,  
We'll lift ourselves and others up  
A little nearer heaven.

## Who Plants a Tree

BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER

Who plants a tree for fruit or shade,  
In orchard fair, on verdant slope;—  
Who plants a tree, a tryst has made  
With future years, in faith and hope

The babe in cradle-sleep today  
Shall grow more swiftly than the tree.  
But babes unborn shall shout and play  
Beneath the century-living tree.

In branches green the birds shall sing,  
And make their nests, and rear their broods,  
And many a flight of buoyant wing  
Shall flash through breezy solitudes.

Far reaching upward, lo! the tree  
Shall catch the light of early dawn,  
The moonlight on its crest shall be  
A silver sheen till night is gone.

Who plants a tree for fruit or shade,  
In orchard fair, on verdant slope;—  
Who plants a tree, a tryst has made  
With future years, in faith and hope.



## At the Foot of a Tree

BY MRS. EDWIN MARKHAM

O tree, perhaps alive as I—  
One process lacking of my clay,  
Give me your outlook to the sky,  
The airy cheer that fills your day.

Your grace of perfect service teach  
To me, your dare of things that are,  
The noble patience that can reach  
Across the years from sod to star.



## A Twilight Scene

BY ALONZO L. RICE

Oh night of splendor! with ambrosial dew,  
The trees embowering are dripping wet,  
And in the dusk the birds are piping yet,  
And sun-kissed breezes softly wander through  
The leaves, from out the fields of western blue,  
Where Venus her fair taper now has set  
On fire to tell us we must not forget  
The hour of love's fond token to renew.  
Enchanted visions from Elysian fields  
Shed on the night their sweet and subtle spell;  
The bat, intoxicated, blindly reels  
From out the tower in the wooded dell,  
And drowsy beetles, with their burnished shields,  
Ring out their messages that all is well.



## Motto for a Tree-Planting

BY RICHARD WATSON GILDER

Stay as the tree—go as the wind;  
Whate'er thy place, serve God and kind!  
The tree holds commerce with the skies  
Though from its place it never flies.  
They serve their God; they do not roam,—  
The stormy winds that have no home.

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## The Lesson of the Tree

BY EBEN E. REXFORD

We have brought from the forest a seedling  
That Nature planted there  
In God's beautiful woodland garden,  
And under her tender care  
It began to live out its mission  
In a quiet, humble way,  
But a broader field of labor  
We have chosen for it today.

We plant it here that the children  
May watch its leaves unfold  
And grow through the summer's greenness  
To autumn's brown and gold,  
And gain, in the passing seasons,  
Some hint of the mighty plan  
Thought out by the great God-Teacher  
For the growth of the soul in man.

They will watch it struggle upward  
To'rd the sky that smiles o'erhead;  
They will watch its strong limbs broaden  
As the roots beneath it spread.  
It will grow to a thing of beauty,  
And men will love the tree  
As it comes to the full fruition  
Of what God would have it be.

There's an eloquent object-lesson  
In the tree we plant today,  
As out of its small beginning  
It strives, and makes its way.  
Ever aspiring upward  
To the sunshine and the light,  
It will come, at last, to the stature  
Of the giant on the height.

Read the lesson over and over  
Of God in the growing tree.  
Ponder the meanings hidden  
In all that you hear and see,  
And say—"As this tree strives upward  
After the world-old plan  
So will I strive, till the student  
Grows to the stature of man."

Delve for the deeper knowledge  
That is taught in the school of God.  
Search for the wisdom waiting  
Those who patiently plod.  
Let the instinct of striving upward  
And reaching out to the sun  
Govern each thought and action  
Till the scholar's prize is won.



## The Beautiful Trees

BY MRS. L. D. AVERY-STUTTLE

O the glorious trees, that nod in the breeze  
And smile in the shining sun,  
That bow their heads to the stately tread  
Oh the seasons, one by one.

From the pine tree plain on the hills of Maine,  
With its brave and sturdy look;  
From the beauteous palm neath the skies of balm;  
To the willow by the brook;

We love you all, the great, the small,  
And we greet you one by one.  
To the cooling shade of the leafy glade  
We'll go when our tasks are done.

In the by and by, neath Eden's sky,  
When ended earth's sin and strife,  
With joy untold, we may all behold  
The glorious Tree of Life.

## My Beautiful Cactus

BY SARAH K. BOLTON

My Cactus stands by the window sill,  
Cheery and green since the summer died;  
I am watching it now with a grateful thrill,  
For it always blossoms at Christmas-tide.

The buds come out from the leaflet's end,  
And day after day grow long and wide,  
Till great pink blossoms in beauty bend;  
They always open at Christmas-tide.

Oh hearts! dear hearts, in the passing year,  
Made rich by the gifts of One who died,  
Do you brighten the world with help and cheer?  
Do you always open at Christmas-tide?



## Arbor Day

BY BIRCH ARNOLD

When first our fathers roamed the land,  
The forest reared its head  
In mighty domes, and lofty spires  
Where're their footsteps led.

It heard the song of praise at morn,  
The grateful prayer at night,  
And like a great and shel'ring arm  
Withstood the tempest's might.

It rang with song of myriad birds  
That nested 'neath its shade;  
O'er hill and vale a verdured frame  
Of tender green it made.

But now, alas, a treeless stretch  
Confronts the weary eye;  
Beneath the axe of reckless greed  
The forest giants lie.

But we who love with all our hearts  
This glorious land of ours,  
Would gladly make it once again  
A land of trees and flowers.

For this we hold our Arbor Day,  
And plant the tiny tree,  
That shall as time unrolls its scroll  
A thing of beauty be.

And thousands yet to come shall bless  
The kind and generous hand  
That gave again the forest paths  
To freedom's fertile land!



## In the Woods

BY MARY ROLOSON

When the summer sun shines fiercely down  
On the crowded city and dusty town;  
When drooping and faint the flowers lie  
And scarcely a wandering breeze goes by,  
How cool it is, and how fresh the air,  
Where the wood-folk dwell in the forest fair!

But when the storm winds of winter blow,  
And the cities and towns are white with snow,  
In the forest where the wood-folk dwell,  
The fresh, green forest they love so well,  
How safe they are sheltered from the cold,  
How warm it is in the forest old!



# PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT

## HIS GREAT INTEREST IN ARBOR DAY, ARBORICULTURE, AND THE FORESTRY CAUSE

[FOREWORD—By virtue of special arrangement with Colonel William Loeb, Jr., Secretary to President Roosevelt, this Arbor Day Proclamation, issued April 15, 1908, is here published with the President's facsimile autograph attached thereto. The beautiful half-tone picture of the President appearing herewith is from an autograph photo presented to the editor of Vick's Magazine through the courtesy of Colonel Loeb.]

### Proclamation of the President to the School Children of the United States

TO THE SCHOOL CHILDREN OF THE UNITED STATES:

Arbor Day (which means simply "Tree Day") is now observed in every State in our Union and mainly in the schools. At various times from January to December, but chiefly in the months of April and May, you give a day or part of a day to special exercises and perhaps to actual tree planting, in recognition of the importance of trees to us as a nation, and of what they yield in adornment, comfort, and useful products to the communities in which you live.

It is well that you should celebrate your Arbor Day thoughtfully, for within your lifetime the Nation's need of trees will become serious. We of an older generation can get along with what we have, though with growing hardship; but in your full manhood and womanhood you will want what nature once so bountifully supplied and man so thoughtlessly destroyed; and because of that want you will reproach us, not for what we have used, but for what we have wasted.

For the nation, as for the man or woman and the boy or girl, the road to success is the right use of what we have and the improvement of present opportunity. If you neglect to prepare yourselves now for the duties and responsibilities which will fall upon you later, if you do not learn the things which you will need to know when your school days are over, you will suffer the consequences. So any nation which in its youth lives only for the day, reaps



without sowing, and consumes without husbanding, must expect the penalty of the prodigal, whose labor could with difficulty find him the bare means of life.

A people without children would face a hopeless future; a country without trees is almost as hopeless; forests which are so used that they cannot renew themselves will soon vanish, and with them all their benefits. A true forest is not merely a storehouse full of wood, but, as it were, a factory of wood, and at the same time a reservoir of water. When you help to preserve our forests or to plant new ones you are acting the part of good citizens. The value of forestry deserves, therefore, to be taught in the schools, which aim to make good citizens of you. If your Arbor Day exercises help you to realize what benefits each one of you receives from the forests, and how by your assistance these benefits may continue, they will serve a good end.

*Theodore Roosevelt*

### President Roosevelt's Tribute to the Memory of J. Sterling Morton

I knew him in public life, and as a friend outside of public life; and I value him most highly for those qualities of sturdy manhood, of courage, fearlessness, broadmindedness, and absolute integrity, which we like to see in one whom we regard as specially representative of our nation. Mr. Morton was prominent among that limited number of men who champion great movements; to whom it is given to associate their names with a movement of marked benefit to the people as a whole. More than any other man, Secretary Morton will stand as the representative of those far-sighted enough to realize the great need of tree culture.

## NATURE LOVERS' CREED

BY MRS. P. S. PETERSON—Chairman Forestry Committee: General Federation of Women's Clubs

I believe in nature, and in God's out-of-doors.  
I believe in pure air, fresh water and abundant sunlight.

I believe in the mountains, and as I lift up mine eyes to behold them, I receive help and strength.

I believe that below their snowy crowns their mantles should be ever green.

I believe in the forests where the sick may be healed and the weary strengthened; where the aged may renew their youth, and the young gather stores of wisdom which shall abide with them forever.

I believe that the groves were God's first temples, and that here all hearts should be glad, and no evil thought come to mar the peace; I believe that all who seek shelter within these aisles should guard the noble heritage from harm, and the fire fiend never be allowed to roam unwatched.

I believe in the highland springs and lakes, and would have noble trees stand guard around them; upon the mountain sides I would spread a thick carpet of leaves and moss through which the water might find its way into the valleys and onward to the ocean.

I believe in the giant trees which have stood for thousands of years, and pray that no harm shall come nigh them.

I believe in the axe of the trained woodsman and would have it hew down the mature trees of today that we may secure lumber for our needs, and the trees of smaller growth have more light and air and space.

I believe in the seeds of the trees, and would gather and plant them, and I would care for the



I believe in the Mountains; I believe  
in the Forests

seedlings until they are ready to stand with their brothers in the forest and plains; then the wilderness and the dry land shall be glad and the desert shall rejoice.

I believe in protecting the birds and the animals that live amidst the trees, and the ferns and mosses and blossoming plants.

I believe in all the beautiful things of nature, and would preserve, protect and cherish them.

"Come let's to the fields, the meads, and the mountains,  
The forests invite us, the streams and the fountains."

### A Tribute by Governor Furnas

It affords me great pleasure to pay humble tribute to the memory of J. Sterling Morton.

It was my good fortune to have known him intimately and consecutively for a period of forty-eight years. During the whole of that time, I was honored by being a close associate and co-worker with him in his efforts for the upbuilding of Nebraska and the "New West" generally. He was, during his entire residence of near a half century, a devoted, persistent, and most successful advocate and laborer in this line of work. His impress is indelibly stamped on all that tends to "make life easy and the people happy." He was a statesman of marked ability in the true import of that word. He was generous and of noble heart, as was attested by his numerous acts of charity and benevolence. He lived and "the world was better for his having lived in it." The author of his being has "called him from labor to rest." ROBT. W. FURNAS.



# EX-PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND

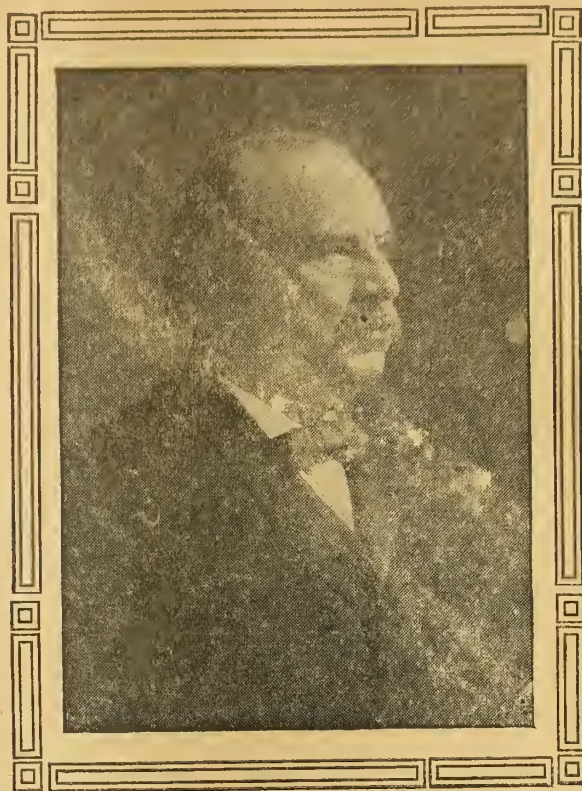
HIS ELOQUENT TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF J. STERLING MORTON—The Author of Arbor Day

[FOREWORD—The following is an excerpt from the brilliant dedicatory address delivered by Ex-President Grover Cleveland at the unveiling of the memorial monument to the memory of Hon. J. Sterling Morton, delivered at Nebraska City, Nebr., Oct. 28, 1905.—Editor.]

Our friend loved nature with constancy and delight; and through nature he was lead to a reverent love of the Maker of the universe. He served the purposes of God on earth and taught his fellow countrymen to realize their relationship to Nature and the Father of all created things when he established the planting of trees as a custom of general observance among our people. This work was done without trumpeting the praise of the man who founded Arbor Day, and without perverting its beneficent design to the exploitation of his fame. It was done modestly and quietly—in keeping with the disposition of its promotor and his estimate of reasonable service. No beautiful crest or elaborate coat of arms would so well illustrate his grand simplicity, or typify the spirit in which this project had its rise and completion, as its symbolization by a growing tree surmounting the homely legend—"Plant Trees."

Though the erection of this monument may have had its beginning in the loving appreciation of Arbor Day, we cannot escape the feeling that it would tell but little of the story of the life and career of the founder of that day if there were not imperishably inscribed upon it the words, "Pioneer, Statesman, Scholar," as well as "Tree Planter." And even with all that has been here builded and inscribed, those who knew him best and loved him most cannot see in this dull, cold effigy any presentment of the tenderness and unceasing affection of the father and brother, and the cheerfulness and mirth which in his hours of relaxation he brought to his fireside, nor the open-heartedness and contagious good humor which he gave to intimate companionship. The monument which recalls these features of his heart and soul is built on the hallowed ground of memory.

And yet, none of us should go from this place untouched by the lesson which this statue teaches. Here we should learn that character uncorrupted by the contagion of ignoble things and unweakened by the corrosion of sordidness and money-madness, is the cornerstone of every truly useful life, and of every genuinely noble achievement. We shall do violence to the moral sense which God has vouchsafed to humanity if amid these surroundings we close our minds to the truth that character represents the real value of a man according to the unalterable standard



public life; and as the father of tree-planting he gained the grateful remembrance of the old and young of the present generation and the generations yet unborn. All of these things he wrought out through the power of a strong, wholesome patriotic and beautiful character.

Let those of us who were his fellow citizens and knew his life, heed his example, to the end that our work may be more unselfish and more loyal to the purposes of God and the betterment of our fellowmen. Let his sons, in whom was centered all his worldly pride, remember that the only success which is satisfying and honorable is that achieved in their father's spirit and high resolve.

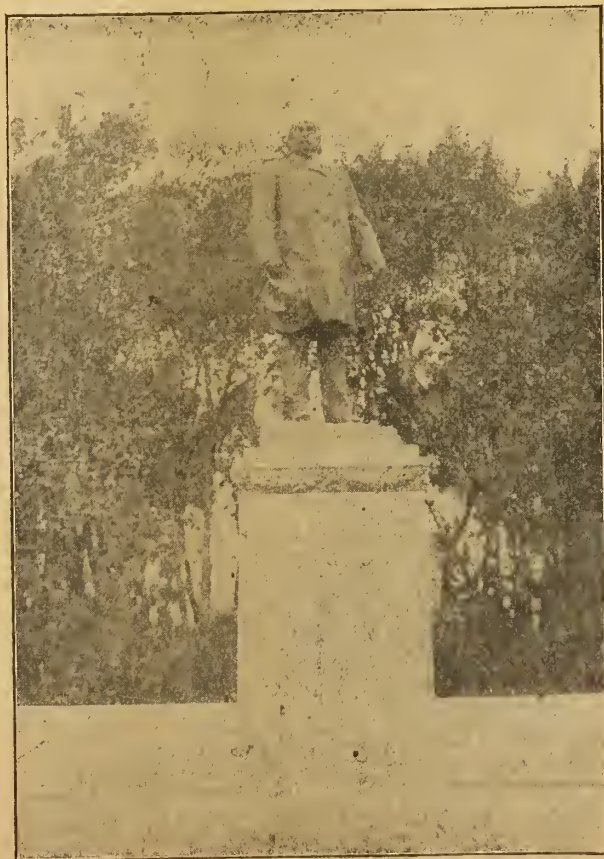
It is fitting that this monument should recall memories that must not die. It is well that it should arouse the living to noble endeavor. But to the dead it avails not. He has reared his own monument "more durable than brass or stone."

## Carl Morton's Orchard

[FOREWORD:—A few years before the untimely death of Mr. Carl Morton, his father, J. Sterling Morton, wrote this veritable prose poem, which was then published by him in *The Conservative*. The fact that both the author and the two loved ones of whom he so tenderly wrote have all passed to the great beyond, imparts to this beautiful passage a most exquisite pathos.—EDITOR.]

It was a bright, balmy morning in April more than a quarter of a century ago. The sun was nursing the young grass into verdure, and the prairie was just beginning to put off its winter coat of sombre colorings. Tranquil skies and morning mists were redolent at Arbor Lodge of the coming resurrection of the foliage and flowers that died the autumn before. All about the cottage home there was hope and peace; and everywhere the signs of woman's watchful love and tidy care, when suddenly, toned with affectionate solicitude, rang out: "Carl, Carl!" but no answer came. Down stairs, up stairs, at the barn, even in the well, everywhere, the mother's voice called anxiously, again and again. But the silence, menacing and frightening, was unbroken by an answer from the lost boy. At last, however, he was found behind a smoke house, busily digging in the ground with a small spade, though only five years of age, and he said: "I'm too busy to talk. I'm planting an orchard," and sure enough, he had set out a tiny seedling apple tree, a small cottonwood, and a little elm.

The delighted mother clasped him in her arms,



Statue of J. Sterling Morton, Nebraska City, Neb.

kissed him and said: "This orchard must not be destroyed."

And so now

"I hear the muffled tramp of years  
Come stealing up the slopes of Time;  
They bear a train of smiles and tears  
Of burning hopes and dreams sublime."

The child's orchard is more than thirty years of age. The cottonwood is a giant now, and its vibrant foliage talks, summer after summer, in the evening breeze with human-like voice, and tells its life story to the graceful, swaying elm near by, while the gnarled and scrubby little apple tree, shaped, as to its head, like a despondent toadstool, stands in dual shade, and bears small sweet apples, year after year, in all humility. But that orchard must not be destroyed. It was established by the youngest tree planter who ever planted in this tree planter's state, and for his sake and the memory of the sweet soul who nursed and loved him, it lives and grows, one cottonwood, one apple tree, one elm.

"But O, for the touch of a vanished hand,  
And the sound of a voice that is still."

The memories that live and bloom in trees, that whisper of the loved and lost in summer leaves, are as imperishable as the seasons of the year—immortal as the love of a mother.



# THE SHIFTLESS MASONS

BY RUTH HAYS



IT WAS a sunny morning in late March. Already in sheltered spots the grass was faintly green, and the tree branches were beginning to be misty against the pale blue sky. The wind was still keen, and here and there a dingy and bespattered heap of snow held out against the sunshine. By and by the day would be warm, but it was yet early and uncomfortably cold. Tom Mason, raking up the litter around the slovenly dooryard, looked about him with hopeless distaste.

The house was bare and unpainted, set well back from the unkempt, muddy street, which was scarcely more than a lane on the outskirts of the town. Back of the house stretched the remains of an untidy vegetable garden, still showing the wreck of last year's cornstalks and tall dead weeds; and beyond that were woods. The lot was rather large, with dilapidated stone walls on three sides, and a broken, sagging fence in front, a stretch of coarse grass matted with weeds and strewn with various litter lying between it and the house. Under the front windows a few withered stalks showed that a discouraged flower bed had once been there, but beyond this there seemed to have been no attempt at improvement anywhere. Two or three gaunt fowls were wandering aimlessly about, and the whole place wore a miserable air of poverty and unthriftness.

Presently a girl came to the door and called to him cheerily, and Tom straightened up, leaning on his rake.

"Do you know what they call us?" he said bitterly, not answering her question. "The shiftless Masons"—and it's true."

Janet flushed and her thin fingers tightened around the broom she held. "Then it shan't be true any longer," she said hotly. "I won't be shiftless, and you shan't either. Say you won't, Tom! Promise!" She stamped her foot as she spoke, but the boy answered drearily. "It's no use. Nobody will believe in us."

Janet interrupted him fiercely. "They shall believe in us—we'll make them do it! It's up to us, Tom. There's nobody else, and we two have got to keep things going, and bring up the children to be somebody. And we will! We must do it, Tom; you know we must."

"I'll do what I can," began the boy doubtfully, but Janet seized his arm tightly in her eagerness and shook it. "No, no, no!" she cried sharply. "Say you'll do it! You'll do it or die, Tom! Say that."

Tom's eyes kindled. He waited a moment, then he said slowly, "I'll promise you, Janey—and I'll keep it," and the girl knew he meant what he said. She patted him on the shoulder in the motherly way she had learned of late, and her lip trembled, but neither spoke again for a moment. Then Janet turned to go in. "Breakfast is all ready—you'll be late, Tom. We'll talk it over tonight—and change all this," with a wave of her hand at the general untidiness.

"I'll make it clean," Tom answered, "as clean as you keep it indoors, and that's a big job. But it won't look much better."

"It will—lots better! You'll see. There's Johnny calling." She ran in while Tom left his unpromising task and slowly followed breakfastward.

Janet Mason was the eldest of six, herself barely sixteen, while Tom was a year younger. Their father had been a careless, good-natured man, honest and temperate enough, but utterly thriftless and irresponsible, nobody's enemy but his own. Of course he married early, a pretty delicate girl, and with the slender dowry that she brought him, had bought this bit of land outside the village for a song and built the little house. Then he rested content, cultivating a careless garden at the mercy of wandering fowls that dug more industriously than he did, and occasionally working for a neighbor here and there, if he chanced to feel like it. He had no vices except laziness, and his poor drudging wife had loved him to the end. When he was killed by a runaway horse ("too lazy to get out of the way," one of his harsher neighbors said,) she had mourned him sincerely, and his children grieved as for a better man.

For years the mother's laundry work had been the mainstay of the household, and Janet, early taught by stern necessity, had been her right hand. Tom earned a little here and there, and at fourteen got "a steady job" at the nearest grocery, with small pay and long hours. Somehow they had struggled on, but the mother's spirit had long been broken by hopeless drudgery, and kindly death gave her the rest which life denied. A fortnight ago they had carried her to the drear little cemetery on the hill where her husband



Janet and the Little Cottage after the Transformation

lay; and so it was that Janet and Tom were facing the stern responsibilities of life, with four younger children dependent upon them—or the town—for support.

They were good children in the main, and Janet had been for so long nearly as much of an authority as her mother that there was little difficulty on that score. It was the old problem of what they should eat, and what they should drink, and wherewithal should they be clothed. Janet had thought much since her father's death. The squalor and wretchedness of their lives had never impressed her before somehow. She saw her mother fading out of life, crushed by its burdens. She realized sharply the manner in which their neighbors regarded them; and many a long, anxious talk she had had with her mother, whose ambition for her children was all that was left her in the wreck. Janet believed now that she had found a way out, and up. All through her toilsome day she thought and planned, and when Tom came home at last from the store, after the children were in bed, he found a very eager Janet waiting for him.

"Tom," she began almost directly, "I've been talking to Mrs. Brown. You know how good she's always been to mother"—she choked a little, but went on bravely; "and she's promised to let me go on with her work, and so has Mrs. Knox, and Mrs. Hastings. That's four dollars a week. I think I could feed us on that; not good, but we shouldn't starve. And with what you earn we can live, I'm pretty sure."

"It's too hard work for you, Janey," interrupted Tom. "You can't do all that—alone." But Janet protested eagerly.

"I can, Tom. I've done it quite a while now, ever since mother couldn't; and I'm strong. I know I can. And Tom, I hope you won't mind—I talked to Mrs. Brown about you, too, and she spoke to Mr. Brown; and he says—(Oh, I wonder if you'll like it!) he says he'll give you a chance in the mill. You'll have to brace up, he said, and—'not slouch,' and it'll be hard work. But if you suit him, he'll put you ahead as fast as you're fit for it. It'll be five dollars a week to begin with," she added wistfully, "and that's more than you get now, and I'm sure you can suit him."

Tom looked very sober, for in truth the mill didn't seem to him at all attractive; but how could he disappoint Janet, who was looking at him so imploringly? "I'll do it," he said quietly. "Mother used to say you could learn to like anything if you only worked hard enough at it. And I'll try."

"You ought to be a carpenter, Tom. Mother always said so, you're so handy with tools. But I don't see how you could—now. You wouldn't be earning anything for so long, and the children are always so hungry"—with a little sigh.

"Oh no, that's no use. I'd have to be apprenticed too long. We must have that five dollars a week to live on, and I'll be worth more just as quick as I can."

"But that isn't all," Janet was cheering up. "Mrs. Brown is so good; she's got a place for Johnny to do errands at the Woman's Exchange every day before school and after, and all day Saturday. They'll give him half a dollar anyway, she says; may be a dollar if he's good—and he shall be"—Tom nodded, and she went on. "And Lucy; Tom, I don't know what you'll think! I went to Miss Edgerton."

Tom whistled. "Whe-ew! wasn't that cheeky? the best school in town!" Janet looked rather shamefaced. "I know it," she said humbly. "That was why I went. Lucy is quick to learn. She'd make a good teacher if she could have a chance. I asked Miss Edgerton to let me work for her, and pay for Lucy to learn how. She—she didn't like it at first," she added, flushing, and Tom said "No," very soberly.

"But after a while she was different, and real kind. She said she liked my spirit; she did truly, Tom! And what do you think she offered to do?"

"Teach you instead," answered Tom promptly. "I wish she would."

But Janet shook her head decidedly. "Oh no, I'm a dunce. And what would the children do? But Lucy's different. Miss Edgerton keeps house, you know, alone, and she said she'd take Lucy to live with her and help around the house, and teach her for nothing if she did all right. And if she could make a good teacher of her, she'd let Lucy be her assistant when she's big enough, and learned how. Lucy's twelve you know, and she can wash dishes and dust, and sweep some. And she's a good little thing; she'll like it and learn all Miss Edgerton's nice ways—things I don't know at all. She was real kind, Miss Edgerton was. I wasn't a bit afraid of her after the first."

Tom whistled again. "Well! you're a planner! Anything more? Got places for the twins yet?"

Janet laughed a little. "Oh, the twins! They'll be the most use of any of us, I shouldn't wonder. I've thought of lots they can do. They help now—Bobby sets the table and Willy helps me make the beds, and they run errands, and things like that. Pretty soon they can begin to go for dandelion greens and cowslips and water cresses to sell. And when it's berry time, they can go every day."

"Poor little kids!" put in Tom soberly, and Janet's ready tears started.

"Oh Tom," she said imploringly, "You don't think I'd be hard on them—our babies? I wouldn't for the world. But they're so active—you don't know! I have to keep them busy, or they'd be in mischief all the time, truly!"

"I'll risk you, Janey. You won't hurt 'em. I only meant they'd never remember mother, or—"

"I know it's worst for them; but we'll do all we can, Tom." Janet paused for a moment. Then she said cheerfully, "They'll be a lot of help in the garden, too. We must have the garden, you know, Tom; we couldn't get along without that. If we can get it ploughed, we'll do the rest, all of us. Mrs. Brown's lent me a garden book that tells how. And that's another thing, Tom—you'll get home from the mill at six o'clock and have lots of time summer nights. We can work together, and the twins can weed, and drop potatoes and that; and so can Johnny."

Tom looked doubtful of the gardening abilities of the twins. "I can anyway," he said smiling. "We'll have the garden, Janey. I'll burn up the weeds tomorrow."

"Yes, and I've such plans—you'll see! Why, its after ten o'clock, Tom, we must go to bed. But we can live, don't you think so?"

"We will, Janey." It was Tom's turn now to pat her on the shoulder. "Poor old girl, you're all tired out. Go to bed and dream I'm superintendent and you a lady. No more hard work for you then."

"A nice lady I'd be! I want to work, thank you!" and they went off to their rooms more cheerful than for many a long day. And so the new life began.

In after times Janet used to say that if the long winter had been before them they could never have struggled through it, but the hope of the springtide kept them up. The coal didn't melt away so cruelly fast; she even fancied the children were not quite so hungry all the time. Many and many a day as she toiled in the lonely house, missing on every hand her mother's patience and courage to endure, she felt that their burdens were greater than she could bear. And Tom had his dark days too, but they never told. They kept their cheer for each other, their discouragements for themselves. And the spring came early that year, and with its beauty and promise about them, and its ever new hope to cheer, how could they despair?

"Can trouble live with April days?"

When the garden work began, it proved a great resource to them all; the odd minutes were spent out of doors, and much excitement prevailed. The nomad fowls roved no more, but were shut up to domestic life in one corner of the back lot. When Mrs. Brown gave them plants from her own garden, and flower seeds in abundance, the discouraged little garden under the front windows began to take heart of grace. Janet was fascinated by the vine-wreathed cottages of the Garden Book, and the twins had been cajoled into bringing Virginia creepers from the woods to plant about the bare little place, and tumbling stone walls. While these should be growing, morning glories and scarlet beans were planted thickly and began to riot. A good neighbor gave them a honeysuckle for the

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# J. STERLING MORTON—Author of Arbor Day

BY JOHN NORDHOUSE—Secretary to Mr. Morton During the Last Ten Years of His Life

**L**OVE of Nature and Love of Home were the dominant qualities in the great life of J. Sterling Morton. Hence it was that he became the author of Arbor Day, the most glorious Nature festival the world has known, and, with his noble wife, the founder and maker of one of the most beautiful homes in all the mighty empire of the West. The ancestors of J. Sterling Morton were English on the paternal side and sturdy Scotch-Irish on the mother's side, whose descendants early settled in New England. Later their offspring "went out west," as New York State was then called, and it was at the little town of Adams, Jefferson County, New York, that the subject of this sketch was born, April 22, 1832. Prior to this

home been reared, when both husband and wife cheerily performed together the actual work of planting the first trees on the quarter-section—the pioneer trees—that now adorn and glorify Arbor Lodge, one of the most beautiful country seats of which the nation boasts. When the future founder of Arbor Day and member of a president's cabinet first arrived in Nebraska, a territorial government still prevailed, and that had not long been in existence.

Young Morton entered with great zest and enthusiasm into the vastly important work of "organizing and putting into motion the machinery of civil government under the Nebraska organic act, to enable the new community to live in order regulated by law." His first public service was as member of the lower house of the second legislative assembly, to which he was elected from Otoe County in the autumn of 1855, though then only twenty-three years of age. He was at once recognized as a leader, and took an important part in the proceedings of the session, which had to do with the perplexing problems connected with the capital location, regarding which there was intense and bitter rivalry between many aspiring would-be cities. Another question about which centered a fierce controversy was that regarding state bank currency, and Mr. Morton placed himself in unqualified opposition to the many "wild cat" proposals that were offered. He was bitterly assailed as being opposed to the business welfare of his "own town." At the ensuing election he defended his position most ably but was defeated at the polls on this issue. He had the satisfaction, however, of being elected by a good majority one year later, 1857. From this time to the end of his life Mr. Morton was a powerful combatant in the arena of politics, at first in his own

a close margin—in this contest Mr. Morton strongly advocated the gold standard; at the session of the legislature the following winter, he was selected by a coalition of gold Democrats and Republicans as their candidate for United States Senator, but just as victory seemed assured, a colored Republican from Omaha, through an unjust prejudice against Mr. Morton, withdrew from the compact, thus resulting in the election of another. But J. Sterling Morton triumphed even in seeming defeat. By his long continued, heroic, and masterly defense of his political faith against overwhelming odds, he had won his place as one of the leaders of the Democratic party in the nation, the peer, associate, and trusted adviser of men like Grover Cleveland, Thomas F. Bayard, John G. Carlisle, William R. Morrison, Richard Olney, and other men of their class. It was but a natural consequence, therefore, that a few days after his defeat for senator in the spring of 1893, President Grover Cleveland offered him a seat in his cabinet as Secretary of Agriculture. This position he held until the close of the second Cleveland administration March 4, 1897. During his incumbency of this important office, he exhibited exceptional executive ability, accomplished wonderful economies in the conduct of the department affairs, introduced the merit system, and greatly increased the efficiency of every branch of the service, seeking always to adhere to the rule that every dollar of the people's money expended should yield a dollar's worth of value to the great agricultural interests of the nation.

While he will be remembered as a powerful and masterful political leader and a great cabinet officer, J. Sterling Morton will be known in history as the author of Arbor Day and the eloquent preacher of the simple gospel, "Plant Trees." As this phase of his life work will be treated in another column, under the heading "History of Arbor Day," it will not be enlarged upon in this connection.

While the story of his public life is fascinating in the extreme, it was within the sacred precincts of the home, that the true nobility and greatness of J. Sterling Morton's character were revealed. Four times in their married life did the fond wife, through the martyrdom of motherhood, crown the husband with the glory and dignity of fatherhood. The first born was Joy Morton, whose birth occurred at Detroit, Sept. 28, 1855; the second son, Paul Morton, was born also at Detroit, May 22, 1857; the third son, Mark Morton, was born in the historic Herndon Hotel at Omaha, November 22, 1858; and the youngest son, Carl Morton, was born at Arbor Lodge, Nebraska City, February 18, 1865. Carefully safeguarded by the strong, stalwart father and tenderly nurtured by the loving mother, these four sons grew to manhood's estate, and during all their maturing years might this fond mother with a just pride have applied to them the very words spoken by the noble mother of the Grachi in ancient Rome: "These are my jewels." With a mother's natural prevision she beheld the promise of the sturdy men they were to be, but alas, it was not given her to live to see the day when her boys were to take their places among the giants of their day in the great world of business and statesmanship. She never knew that one of the four, Paul Morton, would, while still a young man, be the vice-president of one of the nation's greatest railroad systems; that he would become an honored member of a president's cabinet; and knew not that her son would later be chosen, when the world's greatest life assurance company would need a man of commanding ability and sterling integrity to improve the administration of its affairs. Nor did she

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The First Arbor Lodge

event, however, members of the family had lived still farther west, his grandfather, Abner Morton, having resided at Detroit, where he became the first editor of the Detroit Free Press, the first daily newspaper established in the State of Michigan. The parents of J. Sterling Morton were Julius Dewey Morton, born at St. Albans, Vermont, March 10, 1808, and Emeline Sterling Morton, born at Adams, New York, February 16, 1812. Soon after the birth of their first son, J. Sterling, they removed to Monroe, Michigan, where the lad's early life was passed and his primary education obtained. Later he entered the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. While pursuing his studies at this institution he frequently contributed to the Detroit Free Press, of which his grandfather had been the first editor. When he became a contributor, this paper was owned and edited by Wilbur F. Story, later known as one of the few really great editors this country has produced. Articles written at this time by the young university student attracted the favorable notice and commendation of the great Michigan statesman, Gen. Lewis Cass. Soon after his arrival in Nebraska in 1854, Mr. Morton began contributing to the Bellevue Palladium, the first paper published in the territory, and upon settling at Nebraska City he became the editor of the News of that place. Throughout life he rendered the public much valuable service as an editor and contributor to the press upon subjects relating to the general welfare. The young student did not remain long at Ann Arbor, but later attended Union College at Schenectady, New York, and was finally graduated from that institution under its famous president, Dr. Eliphalet Nott.

Soon after his graduation another event occurred, October 30, 1854, doubtless the most important of his life—his marriage to Miss Caroline Joy, a young woman of rare charm, refined, highly educated, and accomplished. One who knew her most intimately in life penned this glowing tribute: "Her great generous heart was a perennial fountain of benevolence, never failing and never ceasing." That she was brave as she was fair was shown by the fact that she cheerfully left her childhood home the very morning of her marriage and started with her liege lord on the long and then uncertain journey to the far West, there, among strangers and on the very frontier of civilization, to begin life with the brave, buoyant, high-hoping, sturdy young man to whom she had just plighted her love.

After stopping a few weeks at Bellevue, Nebraska, for the purpose of "taking his latitude and longitude in the new land," young Morton "homesteaded" in the autumn of 1854 on a five quarter-section of land, the present site of beautiful Arbor Lodge, near Nebraska City. He at once set about erecting a small but comfortable home—the first Arbor Lodge—a picture of which appears herewith. Scarcely had the little

state and later in the broader field of national conflict. Instinctively the party of his choice, when in sore need of a bold and resourceful champion to lead a minority against an aggressive majority, turned to him again and again, and, again and again, though often after much persuasion from his fellows, did he take the party standard and carry it bravely to the front, contesting every inch of ground with opposing political generals at the head of far greater numbers. In several conflicts the first returns indicated his triumph at the polls, but in political warfare, as in litigation, possession often proves to be the "nine points" by which the palm of victory is finally awarded. His political career in his adopted state may thus be epitomized: elected to the legislature, 1855; defeated as a candidate for the legislature, 1856; elected to the legislature, 1857; appointed secretary of the territory of Nebraska in May 1858, by President Buchanan, continuing in such position until May 1861, when Algernon S. Paddock, afterward United States Senator, was appointed by President Lincoln to succeed him; was a candidate for delegate to congress in 1860, receiving a majority of fourteen votes over Samuel G. Daily, but, following a contest by the latter, was unseated; on the admission of Nebraska as a state he was the Democratic candidate for governor and so hotly did he press the battle that on the face of the returns he had won by 148 votes, but an adverse returning board awarded the certificate of election to his opponent, David Butler, of Pawnee County: was a candidate of the Democratic party for United States Senator before the first state legislature, but was defeated by a few votes by John M. Thayer; was the unsuccessful candidate of his party for governor in 1882 and again in 1884, though in the last named year he received more than twice the votes given him two years before; was defeated for congress in 1888 by W. J. Connelley, of Omaha; in 1892 he was again a candidate for governor against Lorenzo Crounse, Republican, and Charles H. Van Wyck, Populist, the former winning by



A Rose Walk at Arbor Lodge



# UNCHAPERONED IN SPAIN

BY FANNIE E. NEWBERRY—Author of the Wrestler of Phillippi

**S**O YOU will not attend the bull-fight, Miss Constance," questioned the high-keyed voice of Berrien. Constance had once remarked that this voice reminded her of a bell, and at a surprised ejaculation from her listeners, had added, "Yes, a sheep's bell," which had seemed so accurately descriptive that every one had drawn a long breath before bursting into laughter.

Now her mutinous little head, its bronze tones flashing back the lights of the Plaza Nueva, was turned quite away from her mature admirer, while her brown eyes, laughing yet weary, so eagerly besought relief that her stately friend and fellow-voyager, Alicia Van Tuyl, interposed, "Surely, Mr. Berrien, you would not recommend it as a refining spectacle?"

Norris Berrien, small and precise in more than build and garb, carefully set down his glass of helada, that delicious Spanish concoction which suggests Sierra snows and Castile orange-groves, carefully wiped his thin lips, and answered:—

"Not e-x-a-c-t-l-y, Miss Alicia, no. Yet, as one of the things to see, I should—"

"We do not travel by the book," put in Constance, scornfully, setting down her own glass with a thump that might have tested anything less thick and clumsy, "Mama, have you gone to sleep over your helada? Come, Mr. Berrien is ready to give you his arm, I'm sure. Where is Jack, Alicia? Oh, there he is! Jack, we're going back to the hotel; we're all tired out."

"Well, I'm not, then," resentfully. "The fun doesn't begin till midnight, this hot weather. Why must you always be jerking a fellow off somewhere's else, I'd like to know?"

"Jacky," pacifically, "aren't you going to the bull-fight tomorrow?"

"Well, I should remark! What did we come to Seville for, anyhow?"

"Sure enough. Well, bull-fights are exciting spectacles, and you want to calm your nerves by plenty of sleep tonight. Besides, I've something to tell you."

By this time, three abreast, the younger people were bumping along the Calle Sierpes, the Broadway of Seville, occupying the pavement with that calm instinct to assured possession which seldom forsakes the English-speaking tourist. The awnings, which in the daytime often stretch from house to house across the width of the thoroughfare, were generally furled back this warm night, and the soft vista of moonlighted sky above them glowed with a tropical brilliance that made the feeble lights below a mockery. Mrs. Germaine, a slow walker, seemed to Mr. Berrien fairly to saunter now, so impatient was he to be up with the three lithe figures swinging along in front, and evidently enjoying their talk with heads close together. Constance was speaking rapidly.

"It will be the jolliest lark, Jack, and nobody'll miss me; for you will all be at the bull-fight. Nothing would induce me to see that brutal affair, anyhow, and I'll for once get off the beaten path, and take a look at Spain in all her native purity, where no foreigners have penetrated. The Casper boys say it is the most picturesque place they ever saw. They worked a month there when they were studying with a pupil of Daubigny's. It's as remote as 'Darkest Africa,'



Jack dutifully attended her to the station

and almost as uncivilized—an innocent little mountain hamlet. The rest of you can come on before night. It will be right on your way to the coast, and mother can sleep there, and be fresher to go on next morning. I shall certainly go."

Constance generally had her way, first or last; but Mrs. Germaine stood out longer than usual against this freak, when it was sprung upon her, after Mr. Berrien's prolonged leave-taking. He was one of those unfortunate beings who never know the exact moment for graceful departure, but keep their entertainers standing to the point of exhaustion through a score of hopeful, but ineffective feints; and tonight Constance had coolly yawned in his very face.

Mrs. Germaine dimly comprehended that the girl's restless, petulant humors and morbid ennui of late, might be traced to one source alone—the presence of the little man who had joined them in Paris, deter-

mined to be heard this time. There had been other times when Constance had outmaneuvered him.

He had been heard—by Mrs. Germaine—who had stayed the sturdy "No!" on her daughter's lips by tears and entreaties, and commuted it to a reluctant concession that she must take time to consider the proposal. And tomorrow ended the week of reprieve.

Poor Mrs. Germaine! Here was a beautiful, willful daughter nearing twenty-two, still unwed if not unwedded; and here was a suitor, strictly eligible as to family, fortune and morals. Yet the girl was ready to throw him over for reasons too frivolous to mention.

"O, mother!" she cried tonight, as she nervously flung aside her street wraps, "how can I marry a creature who is dwarfed by my hat feathers, who talks falsetto, sings soprano, and never swears at all? And who beats down every poor wretch who tries to earn a peseta of us, and—"

"But, my dear, he is lavish to you. Think of the curios he has bought you."

"Who wants his cheap, tawdry truck?" cried Constance, too excited to select her words, her eyes black, and her cheeks aflame. "I want a man, not a burdurgurdy monkey, to go hopping around picking me up bric-a-brac! Did you see how ridiculous he looked when that poor old donkey shied with him, going up the mountain, the other day? He fairly grovelled to the guide to pull him off. I actually thought he was going to cry!"

"Constance! my child—"

"There's no use talking, mama; I must go tomorrow. I want to get away and think. It's the only chance for him. Perhaps, if I can sit down in some solitude and count up his virtues, I may conclude to like him. But if you won't let me go, that ends it."

"But you know, dear, girls can't travel alone here as at home."

"An American girl can go anywhere. And besides, Uvetara is a mere hamlet in the hills, as simple and primitive as the garden of Eden. Regular tourists never go near it, so what is there to fear?"

"Well—if you must. We'll come on the first train after the bull-fight. It ought to get us there by six or seven."

"Half-past seven. I looked it up in the railway guide. You'll be in time for dinner."

Spanish trains have a way of starting at unearthly hours, and Constance was obliged to rise in the cool of a glorious morning to catch the south-bound accommodation. Jack dutifully, though in the sulks, attended her to the station, enlivening the way by growling at a girl who could prefer the backwoods to a bull-fight, till she was not sorry to wave him a final adieu from the coach window.

"Oh!" she thought, with a long, exquisite breath of relief, "how good it is to be alone once more! How tired to death I am of that man, with his precise little ways, his squeaky little voice, and his tape-measured compliments and approaches. Br-r-r! I hate a softly man. If I could see even one of those great swashing old freebooters of ancient times it would be a relief. And mama looks so pathetic, and Alicia so superior, and Jack so grinning and horrid—well, good-bye to it all for one day, at least."

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## THE HISTORY OF ARBOR DAY

By Frank Falvey

Among the paramount claims that Nebraska may put forth among her sister states, and in fact before the peoples of the world, is that Arbor Day originated within her boundaries and was the conception of one of her foremost and most honored citizens.

There is much evidence that many years before the late J. Sterling Morton, founder of Arbor Day, gave public expression to the beautiful and noble sentiments embraced in the official action which led to the legal enactments making this day a holiday in Nebraska devoted to the planting of trees, that the idea had long found lodgment in his far-seeing, fertile, and vigorous mind, as for many years before that historic day in which he presented the idea to the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture of Nebraska, he had assiduously practiced all the teachings of Arbor Day and had been for many years the foremost tree-planter and advocate of tree-planting in the then pioneer west.

On January 14th, 1872, at a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, of which he was a member, the late J. Sterling Morton introduced a resolution providing that "Wednesday, the 10th day of April, 1872, be and the same is hereby set apart and consecrated for tree planting in the State of Nebraska, and the State Board of Agriculture hereby name it Arbor Day, and to urge upon the people of the state the vital importance of tree planting, hereby offer a special premium of one hundred dollars to the agricultural society of that county of Nebraska which shall upon that day plant properly the largest number of trees; and a farm library of twenty-five dollars' worth of books to that person who, on that day, shall plant properly in Nebraska the greatest number of trees." The resolution was unan-



A Characteristic American Elm

imously adopted. On the day specified in the resolution the people of Nebraska responded by planting more than one million trees, and again in 1873 an equally great number of trees planted.

Supplementing the State Board, Governor Furnas issued a proclamation March 31st, 1872, and in 1885 the legislature of Nebraska made the 22nd day of April, Mr. Morton's birthday, a holiday to be known as "Arbor Day." In furtherance of the objects of the day a provision was incorporated in the state constitution and numerous legal enactments made.

In the years that have followed, the sentiment of Arbor Day and the example of the Nebraska tree-planter have spread to every point of the compass, and today almost every state and territory in the Union and many places across the seas recognize in some official manner an Arbor Day at a proper and convenient season of the year, at which time the teachings of the great Nebraska tree-planter are carried into effect.

The value of this great work is apparent to every person; its total value is absolutely beyond estimation, and future generations alone will be able to compute the great philanthropy, the great benefit to the human race born in the germ of Arbor Day.

It may be fitting to recall the words of Mr. Morton on Arbor Day, 1894, when standing on the lawn of the great Department of Agriculture in Washington, of which he was Secretary, at the close of the tree planting exercises, when in his closing remarks he said: "So, every man, woman and child who plants trees shall be able to say, on coming, as I have come, toward the evening of life, in all sincerity and truth: 'If you seek my monument look around you.'"



# The Ministry of Flowers and Plants

By Eben E. Rexford

**T**HE love of flowers "grows by what it feeds on." Let the person who has never taken any particular interest in them begin their cultivation, and in a short time he becomes so fascinated with the delightful work that he wonders how he could so long have been blind to the pleasures of it. The man, woman or child who has a little bed of flowers this year, will, if successful with it, want several beds next season. The ultimate result is—a home surrounded by flowers—flowers here, there, everywhere.

Such a change means much more to a family than a mere passing enjoyment of the beauty and brightness of the flower. It means education, and culture, and refinement. It means a larger, keener appreciation of beauty in all its phases. It means a great many things that I need not mention here, but which those who grow flowers will speedily find out, when this pleasant task is undertaken.

Much has been said about flowers as safe companions for children. I know of one instance in which the cultivation of flowers wrought a complete transformation in a lad of ten. He had a "hard" reputation in the neighborhood. Careful mothers did not like to have their boys keep company with him. He was given some flower-roots one spring, and he became a gardener on a small scale. He took so much interest in his plants that flower-loving people began to take an



healthy, happy women. "I thank God for my garden," one of them wrote me, not long since. "It has made me feel that life is worth living, after all. I think the time will come when I shall pretty nearly live out of doors. I never fully realized what I was losing in life until I began to grow flowers, and got out among the birds, and the sunshine, and the green things growing. Though I spend a good deal of time in gardenwork, I do more housework than ever before, and I do it easily, for, while I am about it I am thinking of my flowers, and am really out of doors so far as the mental mood goes. Again I say, Thank God for my garden."

Tired, nerve tormented women, let me urge you to take a "course of treatment" in the garden sanitarium this season.

## Arbor Day

This month brings Arbor Day. I am glad to know of its almost universal observance among our schools. It is a new departure in the right direction. Too long our school-grounds have been neglected. We have had good reason to be ashamed of them. I hold that every schoolhouse in the land ought to be surrounded by flowers, and shrubs, and trees, and that the children ought to be trained to set out and care for these things. By making them partners in the work of beautifying the school grounds, we arouse an enthusiasm on their part which will result for more satisfactorily than hiring a landscape gardener to do the work for us. Give them to understand that we know they can do this work, and that we trust and expect them to undertake it and carry it forward, year by year, and they will not disappoint us. Children appreciate responsibilities, and rise to them nobly.

Why not give to the celebration of Arbor Day a sort of patriotic flavor by making use of native shrubs for the plantings made each season? We have shrubs growing all about us quite as beautiful as those that come to us from foreign lands. Why not use these in preference to them, then? By doing so, we work up an interest on the part of the children in our native plants, and we stimulate a pride in the productions of the home land. "Home first, the world afterward" is a good motto to use in this connection.

If native plants are to be made use of, send the children into the woods and fields on Arbor Day morning, to search for material with which to make the school-grounds attractive. Give them to understand that large specimens are not wanted. Rather, specimens of medium size, with perfect roots. If possible, have some of the soil in which they have been growing brought with them. Instruct them to keep the plant's roots well covered with damp moss. Tell them to select such shrubs as the elder, wild roses, dogwood, shadbush, sumach, and clethra. And such herbaceous plants as solidago, vervain, vernonia, meadow sweet, lilies, asters, helianthus, and asclepias. Among desirable vines are the ampelopsis, the bittersweet, and the clematis.

Probably not all these plants can be found in one locality. But there will generally be others to take the places of those conspicuous by their absence. It does not matter so much what they get as the condition in which they get it. Very ordinary plants will develop into pleasing ones under good cultivation, but, in order to make a success of their removal from their native habitat great care must be taken with them. Pull or dig them up carelessly, expose their roots to air and sunshine and plant them hurriedly,

and most of them will die. Insist that the children go in for good, honest work, and give them to understand that a plant is a living organism that is entitled to as much respect as a person is. Encourage careful, conscientious work. Impress them with the fact that tree, and shrub and plant is each a book from which they are to learn helpful lessons in the love of Nature, and make them feel that it is just as wrong to learn these lessons poorly as it is to neglect the books of the schools.

While the school-grounds are receiving attention, I would urge that something be done toward making the schoolrooms attractive. Fill the windows with growing plants, from which the children will absorb, without being conscious of it, a most delightful knowledge of Nature's way of doing things. Don't make a careless selection of plants for this purpose, however. Not everything will grow there. Try such plants as the aspidistra, with its luxuriant foliage, and its strange flowers, burrowing down into the soil at the base of its leaves. And the geranium, always cheerful, always adaptable to conditions, and always willing to do its best if given half a chance. Give asparagus sprengeri a north window to beautify, and put a petunia in the sunniest one, or a nasturtium. The Boston fern will flourish in the schoolroom if kept well watered. So will the ficus, and the agave. Moneywort, and lysimachia, and othonna are excellent for hanging baskets. Success with them is assured from the start provided they are never allowed to get dry at the roots. Make it a rule to water them daily. The best vine for schoolroom use is the English ivy, because its thick, leathery leaves are not susceptible to the effect of dry air and dust. It is a good plan to plant seeds of peas, and beans, and squashes, and let the children make use of them as object lessons, in their development. The seedlings from them will be short-lived, but they will live long enough to tell some wonderful things about the beginnings of plant growth. Who knows but another James Vick may not be in your schoolroom, and that the plants in the window may not be the means of turning his feet into the paths marked out for him?

## Seasonable Suggestions

Don't be in too great a hurry about gardening operations. That is, don't let your enthusiasm induce you to get the start of the season. Be governed largely by the weather. "One swallow doesn't make a summer," neither does one warm day mean settled weather. "Haste often makes waste," to quote another pertinent old saying. A garden made before all conditions are favorable generally has to be made over. Putting good seed into the ground early in the season doesn't insure a good crop. Observation proves to us, each season—that is, if we observe!—that plants from seed sown before the ground is warm are almost always later in development than those planted after all conditions are favorable to a vigorous and uninterrupted growth.

Generally there will be considerable to do among the shrubs. Some will need removal. New ones will have to be set. Old ones will have to be pruned. Do this work as early in the season as it can be done well.

Get ready for active work on the lawn. Clean, and oil, and sharpen the mower. Poor tools mean poor work. Apply a good top dressing of some good fertilizer to the sward and be generous with it. Because grass will grow where other plants will starve to death

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interest in him, and after a little they discovered that he was not such a very bad boy, after all. They saw great possibilities for good in him, and encouraged him in the work he had begun because they believed it would help him to make something of himself. And it did. He has become a boy that any mother may feel perfectly safe to trust her boys with. He finds in the garden that which interests him more than running the streets and spending his time with bad companions, and he is never tired of trying to get others to share this newly aroused interest. Last fall he took several prizes at the fair, and he announces with commendable pride that his premiums will enable him to have "just a boss garden" this season. He has begun to read about flowers, and once in a while he writes me, asking questions which go to show that he is in dead earnest, and is "thinking out things" for himself. Now what flowers have done for this boy they will do for other boys, if given the chance. Get the flower and the boy together and encourage a friendship between them and a foundation is laid for future good along more than one of the lines of life.

I want to urge women "with nerves" to take up gardening as a "treatment." Many housewives live an almost prison life. They spend their time in the kitchen from one year's end to another, shut away from pleasant sights and sounds, and fresh air and sunshine. If we can succeed in getting such women into the garden for half an hour a day, throughout the summer, we can make new creatures of them. Work among flowers, where the air is pure and sweet, sunshine is a tonic, and companionship is cheerful, will lift them out of their work and worry, and body and mind will grow stronger, and new life, new health, new energy, will come to them. The cares and vexations that made existence a burden because of the nervous strain resulting from them will take wings and fly away.

I believe garden work the best of all medicines for overtaxed nerves. It makes worn-out women over into



School Garden, Pergola and Summer House



# THE FOREST QUESTION

By THOMAS ELMER WILL



**T**HIS is an age of questions: scientific, literary, social, economic, race and ethical. How many realize that there is a forest question? Well, there is, and it is a big question at that. President Roosevelt has declared that the question of conserving our natural resources is the greatest issue now before the people. To consider it, he has called a great "Assembly of Notables." It will consist of governors, congressmen, judges and distinguished citizens from all over the United States. It will meet in the White House, May 13 to 15, next, and the nation, if not the world, will await with deepest interest its conclusions.

But among these resources one of the most important is the forest. Wood is essential to civilized life. Our annual wood bill exceeds a billion dollars. In addition, we are wantonly, foolishly, criminally, permitting the burning each year of \$50,000,000 worth of standing timber covering an area of 15,000,000 acres. The wood famine is coming in seven-league boots. It is due in twenty or thirty years. Its shadow is already upon the land. But the wood question is only a part of the forest question. It is the keystone to a great arch of questions. Most of these other questions are connected directly with that of water.

It goes without saying that, for domestic use, good, clean water is indispensable. For the most part, it must come from our rivers and lakes. These are a part of a great system of which the forest is an essential element.

Harvey discovered that the blood circulates in the human body according to a system. We now know that the waters of the earth likewise circulate in accordance with a system. By evaporation they are raised from the ocean; winds carry them to the land in the form of clouds; cold condenses the clouds, squeezing out the water as one might squeeze it from a sponge; it drops upon the land, enters rivulets and rills, which pour into rivers, whose waters finally enter the great ocean. Thus the circuit is completed. Blood circulation may be deranged to the vast detriment of physical health. Water circulation may be deranged, to the vast detriment of economic health. If the water falling on mountains and hills passes gradually into the streams, all is well. If it enters them tumultuously, all is ill. How may the stream flow be regulated?

Forests on slopes are a great regulator. The litter covering the forest floor catches water, passes it slowly into the earth and emits it gradually from the underground circulation into springs. Forests are the great balance-wheel of our circulatory system. But let the forests be cut and the ground burned over; then rain, falling upon the slopes, frequently rushes headlong as from a house-roof directly into the streams, filling them to bursting. Again, water thus precipitated carries with it soil, sand, gravel, debris in general, largely filling the channels of the streams. Thus for two reasons rivers overflow.

Floods are an appalling menace to human well being. They tend to derange the water supply, above mentioned. They destroy fertile farms, industries and homes. Our annual flood damage in the United States exceeds \$100,000,000. A billion dollars' worth of fertile soil is swept annually into the ocean. This would build a block one mile square and over 1,000 feet high. It would fertilize the two tiers of Atlantic Coast States from Maine to the Virginia-North Carolina line, plus the Carolinas and one-third of Georgia. By such erosion, the Hoang-Ho has spread out a delta as large as the combined areas of New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

These floods, again, destroy water powers of price-less value, derange our inland navigation system, fill up vast areas of fertile land with water producing miasmatic marshes, bayous and swamps, which breed mosquitoes and disseminate disease. Again, the great irrigation system, by which the Western desert is being redeemed, is dependent upon streams which, in turn, are dependent upon forests.

To save all these great, material interests, and more, we must save our forests. But other interests, more important than the material, are involved. Among these should be mentioned the public health. Economic currents annually bear an increasing percentage of our population to the great cities. For a portion of the year at least this tide should be turned. Increasing numbers should be enabled to spend at least a portion of the summer in the forests, by the streams, and on the mountains, where they can rest their tired nerves, recuperate their failing strength, come into contact with the great heart of nature, and learn lessons of the meaning of life which can never be learned on asphalt pavements and between lofty brickwalls.

But if the forests are destroyed and the mountain



slopes burned over and turned into deserts, as is being done today in the White Mountains, what will remain to make such excursions worth while? What is the remedy? For the most part, public ownership and administration of forests, especially those strategically located, as on mountain slopes and at great river sources.

On March 3, 1891, was passed the law authorizing the President to establish National Forests on the public domain. President Harrison began the work shortly after in the Yellowstone. Presidents Cleveland, McKinley and Roosevelt, during their administrations, have intelligently followed this wise policy and have extended the National Forest area until it covers 164,963,555 acres, or 275,755 square miles—an area equal to that of New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the two Virginias. On this area the government is solving the forest problem. It has practically abolished fire; it permits cutting under careful regulation; it is replanting vast areas. Forests are aiding materially in the regulation of stream flow, in flood prevention, power protection, the prevention of erosion, the safe-guarding of navigation, and in the serving of other beneficent ends contemplated by the practical application of forestry.

But today, all our National forests are in the West, almost all beyond the 100th meridian. In the East and South they are needed even worse than in the West, for in these two sections, population swarms and industry has attained a magnitude unknown in the far West. National Forests are imperatively needed in the mountains of the East and South; namely, in the White and Southern Appalachians.

To get National Forests here, however, requires something more than Presidential proclamations. Congress must act, appropriating money and authorizing the purchase of lands now in private hands. This brings us to the Appalachian Bill. The Appalachian forest movement started in Asheville, North Carolina, in 1899. Secretary, now Mr. Justice Day, then at Asheville, suggested it to Dr. C. P. Ambler. On November 22, 1899, the Appalachian National Park Association was organized at Asheville. Then followed an energetic, unrelenting, heroic campaign by that Association, resulting, in four years, in legislation in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia ceding to the National Government the right to acquire title to lands desired for forest reserves and in the passage of the Appalachian Bill by the Senate of the United States and its favorable report by the House Committee on Agriculture. In 1903 a bill was introduced into the United States Senate for the establishment of a White Mountain Forest reserve. Later, these were combined into the Appalachian-White Mountain Bill, now the chief object of interest to every friend of forestry.

This joint bill unanimously passed the Senate of the 59th Congress, was unanimously recommended for passage by the House Committee on Agriculture, and was energetically and repeatedly urged by the President. That it is not today on the statute books is understood to be due primarily to the obstructive tactics of the Speaker, who has recently, at the banquet of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association in Washington, poured ridicule and scorn upon the whole question of conserving through Federal legislation our natural resources, including our forests.

The Appalachian campaign has unified the forestry workers of America and has caused them to know each other and to learn, in a measure, the lesson of cooperation. Focusing their interests and energies on

this great question we find a multitude of business organizations, municipal, state and national—boards of trade, chambers of commerce, manufacturers' associations, irrigation congresses, agricultural societies and the like. With these are working a group of State Forestry Associations, the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Appalachian National Forest Association, the American Civic Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Association of State University Presidents and, notably, the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The American Forestry Association, organized in 1882, maintaining a well equipped office in Washington, publishing a magazine, and having a dues-paying membership of over 6,600, may also be mentioned.

It is hoped that the readers of *Vick's Magazine* who may not hitherto have been interested in this great question may judge, from this sketch, something of its importance. The U. S. Forest Service at Washington is the great factory of literature and the great administrative center of practical forestry in this country. Those interested should get into touch with it.

Again, they should organize the movement in their communities. They should get into communication with the American Forestry Association; they should familiarize themselves with the Appalachian Bill and should write their Congressmen urging its immediate enactment. Thus they can render, at this time, one of the greatest possible services to this most hopeful and important movement.

## Looking at Both Sides

The good wife bustled about the house,  
Her face still bright with a pleasant smile,  
As broken snatches of happy song  
Strengthened her heart and her hands the while,  
The good man sat in the chimney nook,  
His little clay pipe within his lips,  
And all he'd made and all he had lost,  
Ready and clear on his finger tips.

"Good wife, I've just been thinking a bit,  
Nothing has done very good this year,  
Money is bound to be hard to get;  
Everything is sure to be very dear.  
How the cattle are going to feed,  
How we're to keep the boys at school,  
Is a kind of debit and credit sum  
I can't make balance by any rule."

She turned her around from the baking bread,  
And she faced him there with a cheerful laugh;  
"Why, husband, dear, one would really think  
That the good rich wheat was only chaff."  
And what if wheat is only chaff,  
So long as we both are well and strong?  
I'm not a woman to worry a bit—  
But—somehow or other we get along.

"For thirty years we have loved each other,  
Stood by each other whatever befell,  
Six boys have called us 'father' and 'mother,'  
And all of them living and doing well.  
We owe no man a penny, my dear,  
And both of us loving and well and strong;  
Good man, I wish you would smoke again,  
And think how well we've got along."

He filled his pipe with a pleasant laugh,  
He kissed his wife with a tender pride;  
He said: "I'll do as you tell me, love,  
I'll just count up on the other side."  
She left him then with his better thought,  
And lifted her work with a low, sweet song,  
A song that's followed me many a year—  
"Somehow or other we get along!" —Anon.

## Resolve

Build on resolve, and not upon regret,  
The structure of the future. Do not grope  
Among the shadows of old sins, but let  
Thine own soul's light shine on the path of hope  
And dissipate the darkness. Waste no tears  
Upon the blotted record of lost years,  
But turn the leaf and smile, oh, smile to see  
The fair white pages that remain for thee.

Prate not of thy repentance. But believe  
That spark divine dwells in thee. Let it grow.  
That which the upreaching spirit can achieve  
The grand and all creative forces know.  
They will assist and strengthen as the light  
Lifts up the acorn to the oak tree's height.  
Thou hast but to resolve, and, lo! God's whole  
Great universe shall fortify thy soul.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.



# The Iron Horse—The Black Giant of Commerce

THE BUILDER OF EMPIRE, THE GREAT CIVILIZER

By J. B. Coursen

**E**ASILY, the greatest century in the World's history, so far as material and industrial development is concerned, is that whose first years witnessed the invention of the steam locomotive, and whose last year is now only a few years back. In this greatest and most wondrous of all the centuries of which history gives us record, no other one factor has contributed so much to the making of that century truly great as has the Iron Horse, the Black Giant of Commerce. Truly has this modern Titan been the great empire builder of this greatest century, and withal, a mighty civilizer. Where today is there a continent on the face of the earth whose plains he has not traversed, whose valleys he has not threaded, whose mountains he has not pierced, and whose wildernesses he has not made to "blossom as the rose?" He has welded the nations together with bands of steel; he has laid down his own courses and actually hauled civilization by the train load from land to land and from sea to sea; he has made thousands and thousands of happy homes to spring up as if by magic in every clime where his blazing torches are seen; he has founded towns, villages, cities, and great metropolises, where before his coming were only desert wastes; he has created states; he has builded empires; he has made civilization.

While the Iron Horse has accomplished wonders in South America in Australia, in Asia, in Africa, and in Europe, it is in the United States where his most marvelous achievements have been accomplished, and it is in the great Northwest of the American Republic—that vast and mighty empire extending from Lakes Michigan and Superior, and from Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth as radiating points—that he has made his greatest conquests and imprinted upon the very earth itself the record of his most notable triumphs. In the outworking of these conquests and the recording of these triumphs no other great railway company has borne a more conspicuous or more honorable part than has the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, which has done so much in developing the agricultural and industrial resources of the great states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, South and North Dakota, and other states, and is now, with unprecedented energy, rushing its lines across the prairies, and through the giant western forests, and over the mountains to the Golden Pacific. When this last herculean task is completed a short time hence, this company will be the first and only railway to have its own continuous line from Chicago on Lake Michigan's shore through to tide-water on the north Pacific coast.

The true significance of this gigantic undertaking may be better appreciated when the fact is stated that the total cost of building this new trans-continental line will be in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000, and the further fact, that during the past twelve months two cubic yards of earth have been moved in the building of this road for every one moved in the construction of the Panama Canal. Another interesting fact in this connection is that the work on this great enterprise was not halted one whit on account of last autumn's financial flurry, but instead was pushed with increased vigor, the new line being extended westward at the rate of five miles a day. The entire stretch of the new road from the Missouri River to Butte, over 500 miles of which are in Montana, is now completed to Lombard, ninety-two miles east of Butte. It is expected that rails will be laid into the last named place early in the summer.



The building of a new railway line through a sparsely settled country where there are excellent opportunities for success in farming, cattle raising, and mercantile work, has invariably been followed by an influx of settlers. Wherever a new line has been constructed, the people at large have been greatly benefited

by being brought nearer to the markets. Similar conditions will result in the territory along the Missouri, Little Missouri, Yellowstone, and Musselshell rivers in South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, and also along the new line in the states of Idaho and Washington.

People, not a few, living in the East, conceive the state of Montana to consist of but little other than mining camps, mountains, and dry and desert wastes. For the benefit of such the accompanying view of a Montana harvest scene is here-with presented. The following word picture of the same region by an Easterner who recently visited this section is also presented:

"I spent several days in and about Lewistown, as the Judith Basin in which the town is situated is considered the greatest country in Montana for dry-farming. It was wonderful! Simply wonderful! The first day I drove with Mr. G. W. Cook

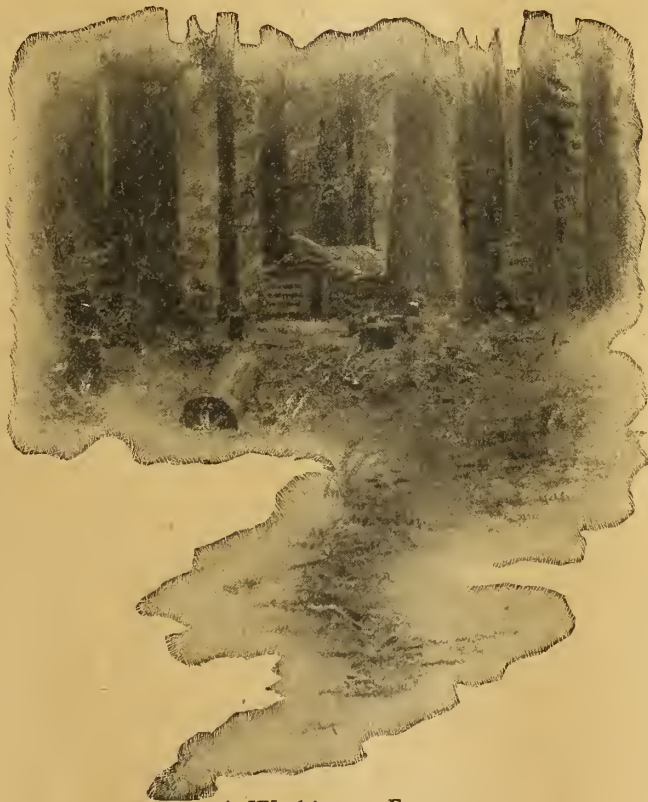
for fifteen miles through the farming country and I never before saw such wheat fields. Mr. Cook pointed with his whip to right and left, and left and right, with the succinct remark:

"Forty bushels \* \* \* Forty bushels \* \* \*

Forty bushels.' I did not doubt it in the least. The grain was as thick as it could grow and the heads were extraordinarily big and heavy. Fifty bushels to the acre is not uncommon. The grade was No. 1 Hard, a fine milling wheat that sold last year at \$1.25 per cwt. That land sold for from ten to twenty-five dollars an acre, averaging about fifteen dollars. I was told that there were areas of land as good as that that were still raw prairie or 'bench land,' as they call it. South and east of the railroad the country has been settled up for several years. North and west most of the land has been homesteaded for one or two years and is developing rapidly. Last year 74,000 acres in Fergus County were homesteaded. But there is still good land open. Fergus County has a population of 12,000 and could easily support 500,000. It is a great opportunity for the eastern farmer."

The traveler just quoted tells of farm land in Idaho, homesteaded only a few years ago, which is now held by its fortunate owners at from \$100 to \$150 an acre, for the sufficient reason that it is now earning splendid dividends upon such a valuation. Located near these are thousands of acres still open to homesteaders, which will, in a few short years, bound into high values when the new St. Paul Pacific extension brings these lands in touch with the great eastern markets. Another traveler writing under date of March 28th, says: "Nowhere in the United States under like conditions, upon a solid area of plowable black loam, in a like space of time, will so vast a number of homeseekers be accommodated, yet I dare say first hand, having just finished a drive of 300 miles or more along the extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway in the heart of northern Montana, that there remain within five to twenty miles of this new line to the Pacific coast thousands of homesteads well worth your while to look at and which will be occupied within the coming twelve months." Not only in Idaho but also in the Pennsylvania of the West, Washington, are most wonderful openings for the farmer, the lumberman, and fruit-grower. In the vicinity of Ellensburg are thousands of acres of irrigated land in a high state of cultivation and productivity. There are 50,000 acres of irrigated and sub-irrigated land that will be tributary to the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, as well as 80,000 acres that can easily be irrigated,—land that has already demonstrated that it can raise fruit of a size, color, and quality similar to that grown at Wenatchee and North Yakima, where some of the best orchards have sold as high as \$1,500 per acre. In the Yakima district apple crops on a single acre often yield from \$500 to \$600. But if the easterner looking to this great region does not desire to engage in agriculture, he can find ample opportunities for successful endeavor in other lines of business in the prosperous cities along the new line. Among these may be mentioned Missoula, Lewiston, Butte, Tekoa, Ellensburg, Tacoma, and Seattle, in the last of which will be held next year the great Alaska-Pacific-Yukon Exposition.

Surely, the great region through which the Pacific extension of the St. Paul road is being rapidly built, is a land of promise; not only this but a land of rich fulfillment—a land where those looking for a new chance in life, looking for a prosperity denied them in older communities, looking for the open door to success, can find for themselves, spelled out in bright, big capital letters, OPPORTUNITY.



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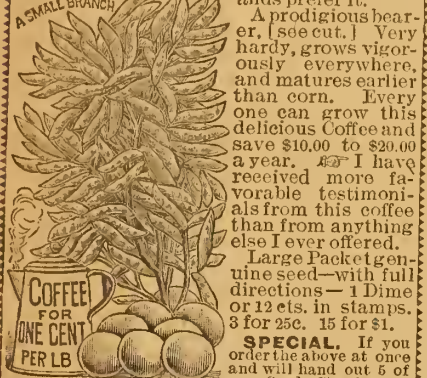
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# PULPIT TALKS

## ON LOVE, COURTSHIP, MARRIAGE, HOME

By Rev. Charles Edward Odell



IF EVER subjects needed fearlessness, candid, wholesome discussion, the subjects chosen for this series of pulpit talks most certainly do. Both pulpit and pew have too long left the discussion of love, courtship, marriage, and home to the inspiration and teaching of the stage, which abounds in over-sentimental sweethearts, suitors, betrothals, and marriages, which give young persons almost anything but the highest, purest, and noblest ideas of these most sacred affairs. These subjects also find treatment in the soft, love-sick, romantic novel, which is, often over-full of wooings, love-scenes, and tragic plots, which are untrue to our highest instincts and at times most vile in their influence.

Then, too, modern society often throws the weight of its influence on the side of the sentimental and the silly view of this very serious subject. As soon as a young man begins to pay the slightest attention to a young lady there are winks, grins, and gossip. Today the sacred ceremony and relation of marriage is looked upon as a huge joke. Scarcely do the words, "whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder," fall from the lips of the minister, before pandemonium breaks loose. The newly married couple are subjected to the most cruel jokes and pranks imaginable. They are showered with rice, pelted with old shoes, their carriage is decorated with banners and placards which bear inscriptions that are often an offense and an insult. They are followed to the depot and among strangers with yells and other demonstrations that are very embarrassing.

Is it any wonder that there are so many strange and lax ideas concerning these sacred affairs? Is it to be wondered at that there are so many unhappy alliances, so many unhappy homes, so many divorces and so many forsaken children, many of whom are both unnamed and unloved?

It is my purpose, in these pulpit talks, to take these sacred subjects out of the realm of silliness and sentimentality and make an honest effort to place them in the realm of sense, giving them a moral and spiritual tone that will enable young people to see their real significance and importance. I cannot but feel that Protestant churches and ministers give these affairs of surpassing importance far too little attention in their teaching, and that we should profit by the wholesome example of the Catholic church along this line, and seek to instruct and impress our young people with their sanctity.

Next in sacredness to the love of God, is the love of pure men and women; next to the sacredness of the altar where men and women give themselves to God and His service, is the sacredness of the altar where they plight their love each to the other; next to the sacredness of the house of God, where men and women are born from above and trained for life, is the sacredness of the home where sons and daughters are born and trained for lives of usefulness and honor. How sacred ought these things be to us!

We find in the Old and the New Testaments, breaking through as a ripple of light on the surface of the greater depths of divine teaching, God's intention and provision in the establishment and perpetuity of the family. And while in the Old Testament the personal element of love lies mostly in the background, as the truth of individualism in general waited for complete recognition in the life and teaching of Jesus, yet the passionate, faithful, tireless love of Jacob for Laban's younger daughter furnishes the text for one of the most beautiful romances of ancient times.

Jacob's love for Rachel is sufficient explanation of the fourteen years of service which he rendered unto Laban for her. No marriage is heaven-made, heaven-sent, or heaven-sanctioned which does not find its source in supreme love.

Alas! how many marry from some less worthy motive. Some for a home; others to escape uncongenial surroundings;

others for position; others for baser reasons still. All these sin against one another and against themselves. No two should marry unless each feels that life, without the other, would be unhappy and a failure. Less than this will never suffice, especially in times of great sorrow and trial. If one loves and not the other, there cannot be true happiness. If there is no reciprocity, no mutual satisfaction, the deepest love will decline and die. To give without receiving is to run to waste; to take without giving is to harden the heart, till it becomes ice and there is no bond of sympathy, no union of purpose, and life itself is worse than death.

If there be true love, life, though spent in poverty and in a hovel, is man's paradise here below. A Christian minister was called into a home of great destitution. There was the husband out of employment, the wife and children without bread, and not one of the comforts of home. Everything indicated want and struggle. The minister said to this young man: "Your mistake was in marrying so early. Do you not see now that that was the mistake of your life?" The young man had been told that before. The minister continued, "It would have been better for you to have gone on and gotten something of a property before you entered into the marriage state. Don't you see that it would have been better?" And then the young man looked around, his eyes filled with tears as he looked at his poorly clad wife, and he said, quietly, but firmly, "No, sir, she has been the same to me all the way through."

Ah, yes, that is love. You will need that kind of love during many of the emergencies of life. There may come a time when in poverty and trial you will need the inspiration of such a pure, holy love. You may some day be called to stand by a small white casket that contains one of the precious jewels of your home, torn from mother's breast and from both your hearts, by the ruthless hand of death. O, the comfort, the peace and resignation, when you can look into each other's face, then together up to God, having the full assurance and comfort of both divine and human love. Such love is holy. You have no right to excite or play with such love unless you are fully prepared to satisfy it with love equally pure and strong; you have no right to give that love away until you discover love as pure and trustful in return.

Parents ought not to lightly consider the love affairs of their sons and daughters. Fathers are very often too reluctant to talk these things over with their sons. They fail to tell them of the instructive passages of their own lives and experiences, and to instruct and inspire them with pure motives and high ideals. What a sacred duty is intrusted to mothers in the instruction and training of their daughters for the highest and most holy relations—wifehood and motherhood. There is a false modesty which forbids the mother to talk frankly and freely with her daughter concerning the things she ought to know that she may be intelligently fitted for these most sacred duties of life. Many a poor girl has bartered away her love, her honor, and sometimes her life, through ignorance concerning the physical, moral, and social relations which the marriage state involves.

It is the most sacred duty of parents to illuminate the minds and direct the affections of their sons and daughters in the way of purity, honor, and love, as it is to educate them in any of the more popular branches of learning. Parents very often toil, early and late, that they might give their children such advantages as will broaden and deepen their lives intellectually, giving them a culture, a grace, a finish that will admit them into the higher social life of the town or city, but utterly disregard the duty of instructing and leading them in the right understanding of these affairs, which bear such important relation to the home and the family. They are left to drift



on, getting their first instruction from now and then a bit of gossip or the confidential talk of some young friend with impure and unchaste ideas concerning these things.

Mothers, I entreat you, look more to this kind of training of your daughters than you look upon the question of dress, social accomplishments, or family prestige. Do not teach your daughters that the only rating of a young man is in his bank account, his family line, his social conquests, but teach them to regard first and always the question of his real manhood and moral worth. When we give to our sons and daughters a right and pure ideal of life, we do far more for them than were we to leave them thousands, yea, millions of dollars to spend in prodigality and shame.

Fathers, see to it that your sons never see or hear through you any word or act that would lower their ideas of womanhood, but ever seek to fill and inspire their minds with all the sweet memories of childhood, all the early impressions of the beauty and sacredness of womanhood that cluster about mother, and you will be far better able to teach them purity of life and true manhood than by sending them away from home to "see the world."

Christian marriage is not a foolhardy step, not a trifling matter, not a mere speculation, not a lottery. It is the leading and blending of two lives into one, by the inspiration of deep, pure, holy love.

I have in mind an aged man who looks back to a crisis in his life when his fortune was swept away and reason almost left the throne. He was lost to know what to do. He now oft recalls a particular evening when he went home from his business. He scarcely dared break the news to his wife. He could not bear to tell her that he had lost everything, suspended business, and stopped payment. He went into the house and closed the door upon the world, and in the joyous haven of home had a foretaste of heaven, where panics never come. What a help he found in that wife. She stood by him through it all, she was ever sympathetic, hopeful, helpful, and cheerful withal. After the piano had gone she could sing without accompaniment just as sweetly, if not more so, than when she had it. There are thousands of true, pure, sweet, women throughout this country of ours who can get as much good music out of love sanctified and made strong through affliction, as ever they could from a Chickering Grand or a Steinway.

## Home Builders

By Fannie Sprague Talbot

There are those who build up mansions, And furnish them throughout; There are those who build up palaces, With lofty walls and stout; There are those who build up temples With high and lofty domes; But not all of these are building Those precious things called Homes. Yet it is the happy privilege Of all folk, far and wide, To turn a corner palace Into something else beside, Whence all within its sacred sphere Reluctantly do roam— A place of love and beauty, too, A perfect kingdom—Home.



# How I Took My Wrinkles Out

After Facial Massage, Creams and Beauty Doctors Had Failed

BY HARRIETT META

Trouble, worry and ill health brought me deep lines and wrinkles. I realized that they not only greatly marred my appearance and made me look much older, but that they would greatly interfere with my success, because a woman's success, either socially or financially, depends very largely on her appearance. The homely woman, with deep lines and furrows in her face must fight an unequal battle with her younger and better looking sister.

I therefore bought various brands of cold cream and skin foods and massaged my face with most constant regularity, hoping to regain my former appearance. But the wrinkles simply would not go. On the contrary, they seemed to get deeper. Next I went to a beauty specialist, who told me she could easily rid me of my wrinkles. I paid my money and took the treatment. Sometimes I thought they got less, but after spending all the money I could afford for such treatment, I found I still had my wrinkles. So I gave up in despair and concluded I must carry them to my grave. One day a friend of mine who was versed in chemistry made a suggestion, and this gave me a new idea. I immediately went to work making experiments and studying everything I could get hold of on this subject. After several long months, of almost numberless trials and discouragements, I finally discovered a process which produced most astounding results on my wrinkles in a single night. I was delighted beyond expression. I tried my treatment again, and, lo and behold! my wrinkles were practically gone. A third treatment—three nights in all—and I had no wrinkles and my face was as smooth as ever. I next offered my treatment to some of my immediate friends, who used it with surprising results, and I have now decided to offer it to the public. Miss Gladys Desmond, of Pittsburg, Pa., writes that it made her wrinkles disappear in one night. Mrs. James Bars, of Central City, S. D., writes as follows: "My face has become fuller, the flesh firmer, and my eyes brighter; all of which is due to your marvelous treatment. The change is so great that it seems to be more a work of magic." I will send further particulars to anyone who is interested, absolutely free of charge. I use no cream, facial massage, face-steamers or so-called skin foods; there is nothing to inject and nothing to injure the skin. It is an entirely new discovery of my own and so simple that you can use it without the knowledge of your most intimate friends. You apply the treatment at night and go to bed. In the morning, lo! the wonderful transformation. People often write me, "It sounds too good to be true." Well, the test will tell. If interested in my discovery, please address Harriett Meta, Suite 171, Syracuse, N. Y., and I will send full particulars.

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## FASHION NOTES

Among the many waists for the young girls this season is one here illustrated, No. 2353, which will be very neat and serviceable yet dressy.



It may be worn for boating, playing tennis or for walking and many other sports that young girls take pleasure in. The one here portrayed was developed in heavy white linen, and the shaped tucks which extend from the neck to the back are heavily stitched. A narrow box-plaited closing ornaments the front and the sleeves are put into the wide kimona armholes without any gathers. The turn-down collar and straight cuffs are bound with colored linen and if desired the sleeve may be made full length by the addition of long shaped cuffs of the linen. For a Miss of 15 years, the shirt-waist requires 2 yards of material 36 inches wide. The pattern 2353 comes in sizes 13, 15 and 17 years.

This jaunty shirt-waist No. 2360, made on strictly tailor-made lines, is developed in heavy white linen. Four small tucks on either shoulder, stitched nearly to the bust line, and the long tuck either side of the centre closing gives ample fullness to the front. The back has a box-plait, formed by two outward-turning tucks, and the three-quarter length sleeves are the very newest shape. A neck and front band in one, through which is slipped a small tie of embroidered edging, completes the front, and if desired a removable chemisette of the linen or embroidery may be worn by those not liking the round neck effect. The model would develop well in any of the season's shirtings. For 36 bust it requires 2 yards of material 36 inches wide, with 3/4 yard 36 to 42 inches wide extra for chemisette and 3/4 yard of edging 3 1/2 inches wide to trim. The pattern 2360 comes in sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure.



2360

Black-and-white dotted batiste has been made into this pretty waist No. 2346, which is most simple in construction and becoming when worn. The fullness of the front distributed in a group of narrow tucks stitched from shoulder to waistline and a wide tuck over the shoulder stitched to nearly the bust line. On either side of the group of narrow tucks are bands of cream-colored insertion pointed at the lower edge, and jabot of cream-colored batiste, finished with a narrow edging matching the insertion, ornaments the centre front. A group of narrow tucks is seen at the centre-back, where the waist closes, and the collar and cuffs of the three-quarter length sleeves are of the material, the former being trimmed with the insertion and the latter being tucked and finished with the edging. For 36 bust the waist 2346 requires 2 1/4 yards of material 36 inches wide, 1/4 yard batiste 36 inches wide for jabot, 1 1/2 yards of insertion and 1 1/2 yards of edging to trim. The pattern comes in sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 bust measure.

Nothing is more serviceable for a child or growing girl than one of these pretty little dresses as No. 2330 worn over bloomers of the same or contrasting material.

Golden brown and cream-colored checked chambray has been used for the simple one illustrated here, and the shield, belt, cuffs, pocket and bloomers are of natural-colored linen, stitched with brown. The little dress is cut in a deep V in the front, and fastens with flat brown buttons. The full bloomers are gathered to a waist-band which should be worked with buttonholes, so they may be fastened to the linen underwaist which all children wear. They are gathered into narrow bands at the knees, or else finished with a casing run with an elastic. This style of dress is most saving of the laundry bills, besides affording the child perfect freedom and being far cooler than the old time petticoats. For a child of 6 years the pattern No. 2330 requires 2 1/4 yards of material 36 inches wide as illustrated, 1/2 yard of contrasting material 36 inches wide; the bloomers need 1 1/4 yards 36 inches wide. The pattern comes in sizes 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 years.



2330

A dull shade of old rose mercerized poplin has been used for this charming frock, No. 2350.

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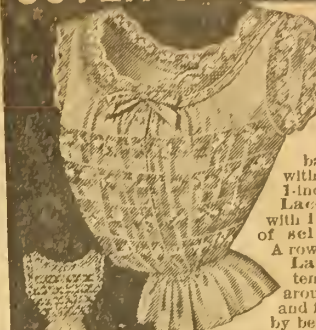
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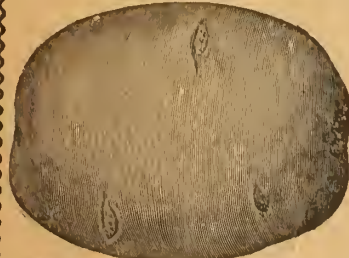
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## HUMAN WELFARE

### State Superintendents Heartily Approve Vick's Campaign for the Common Good and Pledge Support

Last month, under "Sunshine and Welfare," more than a score of the nation's greatest, best and noblest men and women sent to Vick's Magazine two pages of cordial Sunshine greeting and generous endorsement of the Human Welfare policy of this publication. This month a goodly number of the progressive and up-to-date State Superintendents of the country have responded to brief questions sent out by the editor asking what educators may do most effectively to advance the three splendid causes of Forestry, Good Roads, and The School Beautiful. Their replies follow, and will be found of intense interest and replete with many happy, helpful suggestions.

Superintendent Arch. D. Cook, Wyoming

To lead the way in the promotion of the good causes of Forestry, Good Roads and the School Beautiful I would recommend that teachers give occasional talks and lectures, and hold classes on these subjects. I am in favor of entertainments on Arbor Day and believe a great deal of interest is aroused thereby.

Very respectfully yours,  
A. D. Cook.

Superintendent C. P. Cary, Wisconsin

We are in receipt of pages of the March number of your magazine, in which you call attention to the forthcoming Arbor Day number to be issued in May. We should very much like if you would send us a copy, both of that number and of the "good roads" number, which you say you will issue in June.

If teachers, through the instruction given children preceding Arbor Day and the exercises in the schoolhouse, are able to arouse a more sympathetic and thorough interest on the part of pupils and parents in the care and culture of trees, much will be done toward making secure the forestry movement which is now being attempted by the state and national governments. As the Nation grows older and the states become more densely populated, our timber regions are steadily diminishing. If a supply of timber adequate to our needs is to be kept up and our streams are to have a comparatively uniform flow, not to mention other important considerations, more attention must be given in the public schools to teaching children the necessity of caring for our forests. One half of the school population of our state are enrolled in our district schools, and many of these pupils will continue to live at or near the place where they attend school. Much good can be done in teaching the simple rules necessary for the successful planting of trees and for the preservation of the farm woodlot.

Yours truly,  
C. P. Cary.

State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, North Carolina

At the very foundation of every successful school system lies the practical problem of necessary physical equipment in houses, furniture, and grounds. This question of the character of our public schoolhouses is a far more serious one than many people think. Nobody has any respect for anything that is not respectable. A respectable schoolhouse, then, is not only necessary for conducting successfully the business of public education, but is absolutely essential for commanding the respect of the community for that business. The character of the business must to some extent determine the character of the place of business.

What, then, should be the character of these public schoolhouses where the

business of educating nine out of ten of the State's children for citizenship and social service is carried on? Within, shall it be a hovel or a home, a place of beauty or a place of ugliness, a place of comfort or a place of discomfort, a place of cleanness or a place of uncleanness? Without, shall the grass grow green, and the sun shine bright, and the flowers bloom, and the birds sing, and the trees wave their long arms, or shall it be bleak and barren, where Nature, God's great teacher, never whispers to the children her sweet messages of peace and love and beauty from the Master?

Superintendent Edward Hyatt, California

I cannot answer your request for an opinion on arboriculture and kindred topics better than to tell you that I have resolved to make my next biennial report into a special number on this very subject. This report is a large and important official publication, printed by the State and sent to every school and every school officer in the State. I shall have it illustrated and shall turn into it all the energy and all the originality we have at command, with the hope of so arousing public sentiment that California shall grow into one of the most intelligent and most progressive States in the union in the way of beautiful schools, the planting of trees and the wise care of natural resources.

Very cordially yours,  
Edward Hyatt.

Superintendent Thomas C. Miller, West Virginia

Replying to your letter of the 25th inst., under other cover I send you a copy of my Arbor and Bird Day Annual just issued, which I trust will serve in some measure to indicate the interest I have in this good work. In many ways teachers can do much to promote an interest in the subject of forestry, improved school grounds, good roads and better home surroundings, and I am glad to say that this work is being emphasized all over West Virginia. For some years many of our leading workers have been creating a sentiment in this direction and the results in some places are already very manifest. We have a School Improvement League with several thousand members, and, with an awakened public sentiment all over the State, I look to see a very decided advance step taken.

I most heartily favor school entertainments for the purpose of increasing public interest in all these movements. I am sure with the awakening on this subject and with better roads, school libraries, and attractive school grounds, we shall soon find the schoolhouse the center of the social, the moral, and the educational life of the community.

I congratulate you upon the service you are rendering the public in this good cause, Forestry, Good Roads and The School Beautiful, and shall hope to keep in touch with your magazine.

Very truly yours,  
Thomas C. Miller.

Superintendent Wm. E. Chancellor, Washington, D. C.

State Superintendents can, in general, do very little for good roads or beautiful schools or tree planting. They can simply encourage. All power in these matters in every State in the Union and in the Congress-governed District of Columbia is vested in certain boards of laymen, who care little or nothing about such matters.

Tree-culture is an important move, but what is the use of talking about tree-

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# MOTHER'S REALM

By Eda W. vonAlten

## THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY

The month of May has so many pretty things to offer that an ingenious mother will find more than enough for the little ones entrusted to her care. There is so much to see, the wild flowers are waking, and the birds are building their nests. All nature is alive and after the glorious awakening and preparation of Easter we are now more than ready to continue our nature studies, to seek wild flowers, such as anemones, violets, and buttercups. A very pleasant way is to take the little ones out into the woods. Take a number of large baskets and knives and trowels. With these two simple instruments most of the plants can be dug up, of course being careful to leave sufficient dirt on them so as not to expose the tender rootlets. These plants are to be taken home, and the children are to have a garden of their very own.

Would it not be nice to take for the foundation of our garden the square? You know we have drawn, perforated, and sewed that so many times and made very pretty designs with it. Let us dig a little place, say four feet square, right

Portfolio," and "The Story of the Morning Glory Seed" in "In the Child's World."

Now a very simple little game for the little ones to play at home on a rainy day, is, "The Garden Bed," to be found in Mrs. Hubbard's book. This book is already so well known by our readers, that it needs no special commendation.

## THE BIRDS

Have nearly all come back from the South now, and are ready to build their nests. Lead the little ones to notice the places where nests are built, and the different forms of nests. The old birds have built their nests where they can easily find food for their little ones. When the little baby birds are born they find just the weather and the food they need. Summer brings them berries and grains, and in the autumn, when food is harder to find, they have grown strong enough to find it for themselves. Call the child's attention to the forms of nests and their adaptations. The finch builds his nest in the branches of the apple tree, and he is so cunning about it that you can hardly

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near the dining-room door, as the little sunbeams come there the first thing in the morning. We can take our buttercups and put them in the ground to form the square; then make the diagonals of anemones and the diameters of violets. This will be simple enough for even the little five and six-years olds.

## A VISIT TO THE FARMER

Another interesting thought for the month is the study of the animals in the barnyard. Children who live in cities will find this a very enjoyable afternoon, as many of them have never seen a real farm. After naming over all the animals in the farmyard, let us go out and see the farmer sow his seed. He has such a variety of vegetables and flowers—perhaps he will give each one of us a little seed to take home and plant in our own garden. Two very pretty stories for mothers to read to the little folks are "The Story of the Seeds" in "Mother's

distinguish it from the bark. The titmouse builds a nest to resemble a bundle of moss. This assures him of safety. Pictures of these birds and their nests should be shown to the little ones, as we do not always have the birds and their nests nearby to look at.

Robin redbreast is one of the first birds to come back to us, and the children all know them. Take the children to the hedges where robins usually build their nests. They build their nests here because they are so fond of insects, and you know there are always plenty of bugs and mosquitoes about these places. Right here a great many valuable lessons in life can be taught to the child,—the care of the mother bird for her young, their protection and safety. Just so our parents provide for us a home, shelter, and loving care. So also does the loving heavenly Father care for us just as he does for the birds. The attention of the

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## Arbor Day in the Poultry Yards

By Carl G. Loeber

In my article of last month I tried to show how all-important sunshine is in successful poultry raising. Now that this sunshine has come, cold winds subsided, and everything waking up to new spring life, let us look ahead to the time when this fine mild sunshine has so increased that man and beast alike are looking for much needed shade. It is here where trees, plants, and shrubs of all kinds play their important part in the poultry world.

As the fact remains that the value of greens cannot be overestimated and as there is nothing in the line of foods so essential to the big egg yield, both as to quantity and quality, it will be well for us to look into this question of *more shade and more green food* more carefully. Chickens themselves point the way, as they, when running loose, can always be seen scratching and digging away at places where grass and other growing things are to be found.

If you have not as yet erected your poultry house or houses, you cannot select a better place than your orchard. Nothing works so well hand in hand as poultry and fruit raising, as one provides the other with substance much needed in its daily life. As most of my readers, however, will not be contemplating building poultry houses at this time, it will be well to consider and make the most of existing surroundings. It will pay well to plant as many fruit trees as possible in your yards. They not only give shade and in years to come, fruit, but like all plants, attract insects, bugs and worms, which form part of daily rations for all fowls, which if not provided for by nature, we must try to replace, and this at best is far inferior to nature's own way.

Then again, in the fall of the year many of these shrubs and trees provide your stock with much relished seeds. One of the best flowers among quick-growing plants is the sunflower, which besides growing quickly, gives an abundance of shade and the chickens are very fond of its seeds.

The most important question, however, remains the one of how continually to keep the yards green and fresh, as with their constant scratching and running it is only a short time before the yards become bare. A very good way is to divide your space available for your poultry into several yards, planting vines and berry bushes along the fences and fruit trees in the center. The object of dividing into several yards is to use them alternately, sowing in them a mixture of quick growing grains as soon as the chickens have run one yard down low. A mixture of grass and oats is very good, but anything that grows quickly will answer just as well. By using the yards in turn that way, you can manage to keep something green before them all the time. Thus the growing of these plants keeps the ground sweet and healthy, which naturally prevents sickness and promotes the general welfare of

the stock, meaning, in turn, more money as well as pleasure for you.

In the April issue I gave a full description of a house 6x10 feet in size, which when supplied with runners consisting of 2x4 nailed on the bottom along the front and rear can easily be moved from place to place by the use of a horse. Such a house will be just the thing to be used on ground as laid out on the accompanying sketch.

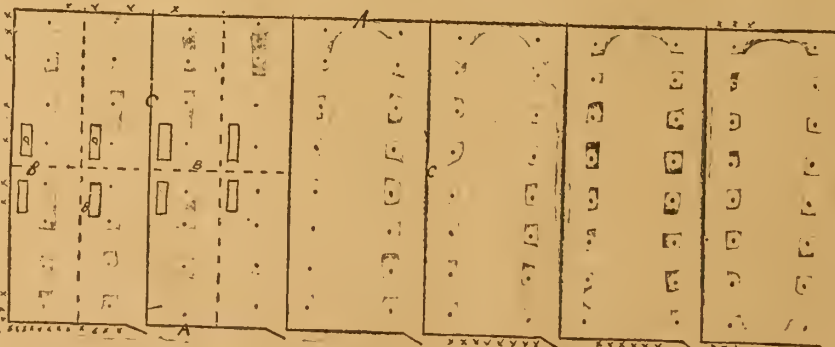
I wonder how many people realize how much can be accomplished on a half acre of ground if laid out on the poultry and fruit plan. This small area can be made to yield larger returns in this way than any other. Thousands of farmers can easily spare a half acre, which by the way is only a space 90x242 feet, and make two and three times as much as they could by regular farming. Many times a piece of land can be used that would otherwise be of no earthly use.

Seven and one-half rolls of six feet wide, one inch mesh poultry wire will build all the stationary fences that will have to be provided to fence in a space 90x240, divided into six equal yards of 40x90 each. The five fences marked C in the drawing should be built six feet and eight inches high, with the top five feet wire while the lower twenty-inch should be boards. One inch rough boards are good enough, unless you intend painting them, when smooth boards will be found cheapest, as they take much less paint and far less work.

Next build portable fencing enough to extend across two of these yards and twice the entire length, or a total of 260 feet. These should be built the same as the ones above, that is with board bottom. Build them in lengths best suited, using 1x2 strips to nail boards and wire on. The 1x2 strips should be at least seven feet long as you have a little end left at the bottom to drive into the ground. These sections can easily be fastened by a few screws and a few stakes driven into the ground.

Thus you can divide two of these large yards into eight small ones, 20x45 feet each, large enough to accommodate twenty to twenty-five laying hens. Here you keep your 150 to 200 chickens until the grass and other greens are large enough to offer them a welcome to the next two yards. By the time they have exhausted the third set of yards your first one should be in fine form again.

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B—Movable fencing, the lower 20 inches being boards and the upper 5 feet 1 inch wire.

C—Stationary fence, made same as B.

D—10x6 ft. Poultry Houses, as described in my article in April number of "Vick's."

X—Shrubs and vines planted around entire outside fence.

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An Arbor Day Story

By Alice May Douglas

"Please tell us a story, mother," pleaded Lowell Noyes, as he and his sister Vereua lay down their trowels and came into the house on Arbor Day. "Why, children," answered Mrs. Noyes, looking up into their rosy-cheeked faces, "can't you find enough to amuse yourselves with out of doors, this beautiful day, without wanting a story?"

"But, mother," implored Verena, throwing down her hat upon the table, "it won't seem like a holiday unless you tell us a story."

"O," she answered, "then it is an Arbor Day story that you want, is it?"

"Yes, yes, mother," came from both children.

"Let me see," said Mrs. Noyes, trying to think. Presently she exclaimed, "Ah, now I have an idea."

Then she laid aside her embroidery, and told the children to come with her to the beach, which was only a short distance from their home.

"I thought you were to tell us a story, mother," said Lowell, rather impatiently, as they came near the shore.

"You must wait, my dear," answered the mother, "until I show you what I am going to tell you about."

They had now reached the beach and had taken seats upon some of the rocks made smooth by the beating waves.

"There," exclaimed Mrs. Noyes, pointing to an object beside them, "do you see that long piece of wood?"

"Yes, mother," was the reply, from both children. "What is it?"

"That is a piece of a mast, doubtless, one from some wrecked vessel. I saw it lying there from my chamber window and thought you would like to know its history."

"Then you are going to tell us about this old mast?" queried Verena.

"Yes," said the mother, "but I am going to let you help me tell the story."

"O, I know," began Lowell, "this mast was once a tall tree."

"That is correct, and I think this mast was once a pine tree."

"Was it really?" Lowell asked in surprise. "Was it once a beautiful evergreen tree?"

"It was," answered his mother, "and little did it think as it grew so proudly in its forest that it would be carried over this great blue sea and would then drift back to shore a part of a wreck."

"Nor did this other piece of wreckage," observed the lad—"the one here at my feet. That looks like a piece of fir, and it has drifted back to its native country."

"Yes, that is fir," said Mrs. Noyes, "and I may as well give you a few facts about this tree. The fir grows in many parts of our country, but it is especially abundant in the Northwestern coast, where it is often found growing upon the high mountain sides."

"Does the fir have needles for leaves, like the pine?" asked Verena, twisting one of her long black curls over her finger.

"The pine has its needles arranged in bunches of five, three or two, while the fir, which is more closely related to the pine than any of the coniferous family, has its leaves scattered on the branches and sometimes in rows of two."

"I think I like the pine best," remarked Lowell.

"The balsam or balm fir," continued the mother, "is found north of Pennsylvania and it grows from forty to fifty feet in height. This kind of tree is furnished with a liquid balm found in blisters in the bark."

"O!" exclaimed Verena, "that is what Hiawatha asked the fir tree to give him to close the seams of his canoe

together. We read about it yesterday, in school."

"Did the tree give the balsam to Hiawatha?" inquired Lowell, as he tossed a pebble into the water.

"Yes," answered the sister, "the tree sobbed and then Hiawatha got the tears."

"I am glad," said Mrs. Noyes, "that you remember what you read. The fir balsam is gathered from the tree by puncturing the blisters. This is a very slow process, but the substance obtained is useful for many purposes."

"Does the fir have cones like the pine?" asked Lowell.

"Yes," was the reply, "the fir has cones. In the cones are found the seeds of the tree."

"After the fir became a tall tree, the woodman's axe felled it to the ground. Then it was hauled upon the snow to a stream of water and floated down to a market place and then taken to a ship yard, where it became a part of some staunch vessel."

"This must have meant lots of work," soliloquised Lowell, as he traced his name in the sand.

"I suppose the vessel must have been wrecked," said Verena.

"It probably was," answered mother, "and we can only guess at the remainder of our story. We do not like to think of what became of it; but as we see this wreckage lying upon the beach, let us remember it as it was when it stood in the forest."

"But what has this to do with Arbor Day?" queried Lowell.

"Nothing in particular. However, upon Arbor Day any story about the trees is in order and is it not pleasant to think that the place which the trees which went into the wrecked vessel once occupied is now the home of many younger trees which in time may be of as much use to the world as these trees themselves have been?"

"That is so," assented the children. Then they began to amuse themselves in the sand.

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By Georgia Doty

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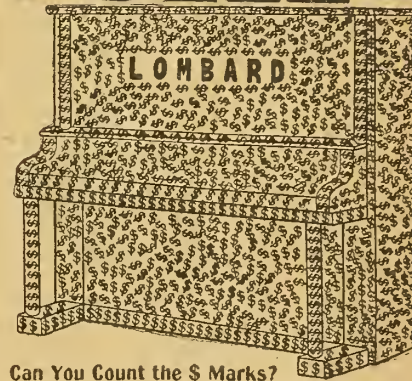
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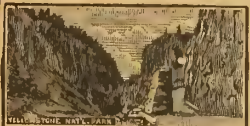


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## At Home with The Editor



## The Days We Love.

In all lands of every clime are days that the people dearly love, by reason of associations connected therewith running back through the years that are gone, sometimes through centuries, sometimes through the milleniums. Easily the weekly sabbath holds first place in the affections of the people the wide world round. Different days are observed as the sabbath by people of different religions and countries, but it is difficult to find any considerable portion of the earth's surface where one day out of every seven is not set apart as a day of rest and worship. By reason of the religions and many tender home memories that cluster around the weekly sabbath, the day has become endeared to millions of earth's dwellers.

Every race and every nation and every religion has special days that come to be great memorials of mighty events or personalities that have made and molded world history. Easily the first in importance of these among the so-called Christian nations are the annual Christmas and New Year holidays.

**Days of Gladness.** These and other special days of the calendar we carelessly call holidays, meaning that they are times for merry making, when joy may be quite unconfined, little thinking that the term originally meant a holy day, solemnly set apart to some sacred use. Perhaps it is fortunate that the word holiday has come to lose something of its original seriousness and now takes on more of good cheer and lightheartedness. Were all words of our vocabulary to be accorded their old-time significance, both language and life would become sombre, indeed, and we might quite forget how to smile, to say nothing of contagious, health-giving laughter. While thus we welcome the gospel of good cheer and gladly admit into our lives the glorious sunshine of the smile, it is not fitting that we turn utterly away from the real, the substantial, the serious things of life; not fitting that we become vainly "light and trifling," but rather that the sunshine of royal good cheer may serve to illuminate our pathway, sometimes dark and devious, as we toil and struggle, step by step, ever onward and upward toward the heights where alone life's true boon is found—real worth, good character.

The Christmas holidays are rightly joyous for the reason that they celebrate the birth of the truest, the greatest, and the bravest conqueror ever heralded in this world—earth's great master spirit, Jesus, who won his victories not with the death-dealing sword but with love, the greatest power in the universe. Fitting it is at this happy holiday time that all join the angels' glad refrain: "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Another religious festival that is rapidly coming to be more and more regarded by all Christian churches is Easter, which emphasizes anew each year the resurrection hope of the world universal, and reaffirms to millions the "glad tidings of great joy that shall be to all people."

**The Days We Celebrate.** Every nation has its special days, which celebrate some great national achievement or the birth of some great public benefactor. Chief among these in the United States is the Fourth of July, which serves to keep fresh in the minds of all patriots that "new birth of freedom" that gave to the world the greatest, the mightiest, and the best republic of which history makes record. This day we celebrate, and rightly, too, with rattle and roar, with gayety and joy, with various competing

games and social diversions. In like manner we celebrate Thanksgiving, Washington's birthday, and other days of lesser significance. But all holidays are not to be celebrated, and hence it is we have

**The Days We Observe.** Any day specially set apart for solemn religious service is rightly regarded as a sabbath day, and as such is *observed* and not *celebrated*. The great American national sabbath is Memorial Day, whether it is that on which the people of the North bestrew the graves of their hero dead with love's tribute of flowers, or that other day when their fellow patriots of the Sunny South in like manner render the homage of their hearts to their beloved dead. This being a holy, sacred Sabbath day, it should be observed and not celebrated—not desecrated. It is devoutly to be hoped that the sacredness of this day will be more and more realized by all—especially by the young. Let every true patriot, let every good citizen do all in his power to discourage every kind of competitive sports, every sort of diversion on Memorial Day not in keeping with its holy significance. Let all with one accord turn their thoughts to an earnest contemplation of the true heroism, the mighty sacrifices, and the loyal devotion to duty and to native land shown by the nation's soldier dead, and to the contemplation, too, of how we in this day may continue and transmit to those who come after us the priceless heritage of liberty.

**A Month With Two Loved Days.** In several of the states Memorial and Arbor Day both come in the month of May. This coincidence, it is to be hoped, will suggest to the minds of educators and others the close relationship that should exist between the two days. Every tree planted on Arbor Day, as it rises heavenward with each yearly cycle, becomes a memorial, a monument to those who did the planting. And why may not school children be wisely encouraged to extend the thought and practice of Arbor Day on to Memorial Day—and on that day, while they strew the soldiers' graves with flowers, also plant trees in suitable places to the memory of the nation's heroic dead. The flowers will soon fade and die, but the trees will endure.

## Woman's Aid to the Forestry Cause

Whatever an editor may do to gain reliable information regarding the great forward Forestry movement now gaining splendid headway in this country, he everywhere learns this, that one of the most potent influences aiding this good cause is the Federation of Women's Clubs and the many branches of the same throughout the country. If one writes a letter to the Forest Service, or to the American Forestry Association, or to the American Civic Association, asking for information as to what is being done to advance this splendid cause, he will be told in reply that the Women's Federation is doing most effective work everywhere. This is, indeed, most gratifying to learn, and American womanhood has just reason to be proud of the nation-wide good this great woman's organization is doing for the conservation, preservation, and re-creation of our forest reserves that mean so much for the public weal. Not only this, but it is even still more gratifying to know that this is not the only Human Welfare interest to which the women of the nation are giving loyal and effective support. Indeed, there are many such interests—so many that it will take a special number of this magazine a few months hence to tell of them, and then the half will not be told.

## A Wonderful Factory-to-Family Plan

How many homes are furnished and double values made possible

The patrons of mail order houses all over the United States have been watching, with considerable interest, the rapid growth of a young company organized in Syracuse, N. Y., a few years ago, by C. Henry Papworth.

In a recent interview Mr. Papworth gave out some facts concerning his early business career which might well serve to stimulate young men of today, especially those who complain of lack of opportunities. He did not look for an easy berth and then wait for opportunity to come and look him up, but went in search of the much-admired but little-sought agent of Success. At an age when most boys are seeking laurel on some college football team he had successfully embarked upon his first business venture.

Mr. Papworth was born in Baldwinsville thirty-eight years ago. As a boy he showed his natural business ability by purchasing a barrel of kerosene oil which he took orders for and delivered from his home.

His energy and ability were soon noted by a neighboring druggist who offered him a position as a clerk in his store. Now right here is where most young men would, in a measure, feel satisfied with themselves; not so with this young man. He immediately took hold of his position in earnest and mastered its requirements. At the early age of seventeen he succeeded in passing the examination of the State Board of Pharmacy, thus securing his certificate as a licensed pharmacist.



Armed with this certificate, a small amount of savings, and a large supply of determination, he started in business for himself. By hard work, strict economy and careful business management, he was able, a few years later, to open up another drug store in a different part of the city.

His next step was in the grocery business, upon a strictly cash basis, with the motto: "When I buy a bargain, I sell a bargain." On account of his strictly cash terms he is familiarly referred to as "Cash" Papworth. Success seemed to await him at every turn. First it was one store, then two, then three, until he had over a dozen stores scattered over Syracuse. The next step was to open up new stores in the surrounding towns. In a few years he found that he had reached the limit of possibilities in the small circle to which his work was necessarily confined.

His energetic mind would not permit of his resting content with what he had accomplished, but soon formulated a plan for extending his business by mail all over the United States. It is this plan that I want to tell you about, because it means a saving of money to every family in the land. I feel sure that, in these uncertain times, every family is interested in any legitimate plan that will enable them to save a dollar.

As stated to me, the plan is to supply nearly everything in the grocery line at regular retail prices, in orders of ten dollars or more, and with each purchase give you free your choice of over 1,000 useful pieces of furniture or other valuable premiums, or \$20.00 retail value for \$10.00. By the way, I think their catalogue of premiums is one of the handsomest illustrated mail order catalogues I have ever seen. A feature which impressed me quite strongly was that, when no premium is taken, they will ship \$20.00 worth of groceries, etc., for \$10.00, thus bearing out their statement of \$20.00 for \$10.00. I also learned that the greater share of orders are sent in through clubs of five or ten members, each putting in one or two dollars at a time. In such cases the Club Manager or Secretary receives something extra for her trouble.

Upon seeing some of these premiums and learning the small amount of goods with which they are given, I confess that I was truly surprised and asked him how such values were possible. Now this is just the point I promised to tell you about in the beginning of this article.

Mr. Papworth said: "Do you know I believe that people at distant points are often afraid to send in their orders, feeling that it is impossible for us to do all we claim and that they will not get all we promise to give. However, we are always very careful to live up to our agreements and I firmly believe that this is the secret of our rapid growth. Read carefully the full page advertisement on page 33. (Third Cover)"

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As I took the train from Syracuse that evening I felt the afternoon had been well spent, and carried with me a stronger conviction than ever that we do live in an age of remarkable achievement.



# Arbor Day Calendar

State or Territory	First observed	Time of Observance
Alabama	1887	February 22.
Arizona	1890-91	
Arkansas	1906	First Saturday in March. (March 7, 1908.)
California	1886	Appointment of various dates by local officers.
Colorado	1885	Third Friday in April. (April 17, 1908)
Connecticut	1887	In early May; by appointment of governor.
Delaware		In April, by proclamation of the governor.
Florida	1886	First Friday in February. (February 7, 1908).
Georgia	1887	First Friday in December. (December 4, 1908.)
Hawaii	1906	First Friday in November. (November 6, 1908.)
Idaho	1886	Various dates in April selected by County Superintendents.
Illinois	1886	Proclamation of Governor. (April 24 and October 23, 1908.)
Indiana	1884	Spring and Autumn dates, by Sup't of Public Instruction. (April 25 and October 31, 1908.)
Iowa	1887	Appointment by Superintendent of Public Instruction. (April 24, 1908.)
Kansas	1875	Option of the Governor; about the middle of April.
Kentucky	1886	No law for observance.
Louisiana	1888-9	Second Friday in January by resolution of State Board of Education. (January 10, 1908.)
Maine	1887	Option of Governor.
Maryland	1889	Second Friday in April. (April 10, 1908.)
Massachusetts	1886	Last Saturday in April. (April 25, 1908.)
Michigan	1885	Proclamation of Governor. (April 24, 1908.)
Minnesota	1876	Proclamation of Governor. No date set for 1908.
Missouri	1886	First Friday after first Tuesday in April. (April 10, 1908.)
Montana	1887	Third Tuesday in April. (April 21, 1908.)
Nebraska	1872	April 22. (Birthday of J. Sterling Morton). By act of legislature of 1885.
Nevada	1887	Option of Governor.
New Hampshire	1886	Option of Governor.
New Jersey	1884	Proclamation of Governor. (April 24, 1908.)
New Mexico	1890	Second Friday in March, subject to change by Governor. (March 27, 1908.)
New York	1889	Friday following first day of May. (May 8, 1908.)
North Carolina	1893	Observed by many schools. No official day.
North Dakota	1884	Option of Governor. (April 24, 1908.)
Ohio	1882	Proclamation of Governor. (April 17, 1908.)
Oklahoma		Friday following second Monday in March. (March 15, 1908.)
Oregon	1889	Second Friday in April. (April 10, 1908.)
Pennsylvania	1887	Proclamation of Governor.
Porto Rico		Last Friday in November.
Rhode Island	1887	Second Friday in May. (May 8, 1908.)
South Carolina		Third Friday in November. (Nov. 3, 1908.)
Tennessee	1875	Appointed by State Superintendent. In November.
Texas	1890	February 22.
Utah		April 15, by statute
Vermont	1885	Option of Governor.
Virginia	1892	Proclamation by Governor.
Washington	1892	Proclamation by Governor.
West Virginia		April 10, 1908.
Wisconsin		Proclamation by Governor. (May 8, 1908.)

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The beautiful poem from the pen of Mr. Markham, "The Blossoming Bough," appearing in our Arbor Day Symposium, will be published the coming autumn in a new edition of "Lincoln and Other

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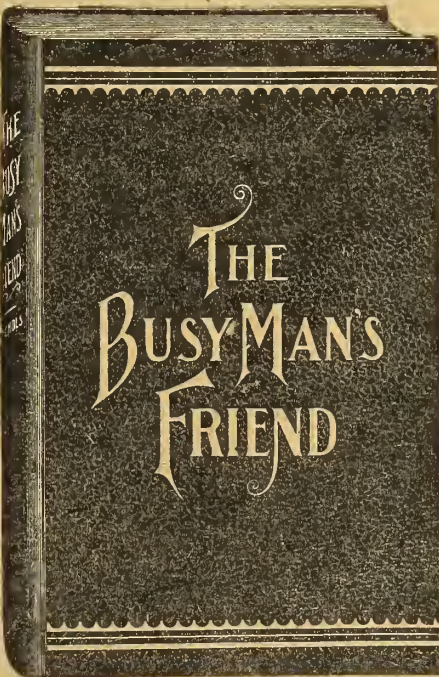
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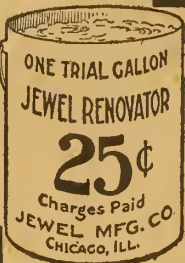
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## PLEASING THE PALATE

How This Can Be Done With Corn Meal and Pie Plant

### Rhubarb Delicacies

By Mrs. Byron Backus

Few things are more refreshing in the spring than viands prepared from fruit. The savory rhubarb, in all its aromatic freshness, is plentiful now and can be prepared in an endless number of delightful ways. The following are tested recipes.

#### Rhubarb Jelly and Whipped Cream

Skin and cut one pound of rhubarb into small pieces, put in a saucepan with one cupful of sugar and cook slowly until soft but not broken. Soak two tablespoonfuls of gelatine in one-half cupful of cold water until soft, then add the hot rhubarb, with two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice. Place in a mold and thoroughly chill. Serve in squares with whipped cream or a soft custard.

#### Rhubarb Charlotte

Stew rhubarb slowly until it can be pressed through a sieve. For each pint allow one cupful of sugar, and one-third box of gelatine dissolved in just enough cold water to cover; then add the fruit, and when nearly cold and commencing to jelly add one-third its bulk of stiffly whipped cream. Turn into a melted mold and set in a cold place to harden. By omitting the cream and adding the stiffly beaten whites of four eggs to this mixture it becomes a sponge.

#### Rhubarb Tapioca

To one pint of chopped rhubarb, add two dozen cooked prunes, one quarter cupful liquid in which the prunes were cooked and half cupful sugar. Boil ten minutes, then add half cupful tapioca which has been soaked one hour in one cupful cold water. Cook until tapioca is transparent, and serve either hot or cold with cream and sugar or whipped cream.

#### Rhubarb Cream Pie

Cut and chop one coffee cupful of rhubarb, mix with the same measure of sugar. Moisten two tablespoonfuls of corn starch with one of cold water, and fill the cup with boiling water. Add the starch to the fruit and sugar, also the beaten yolks of four eggs. Line a pie plate with paste, fill with the mixture and bake in a moderate oven until firm in the center. Cover with a meringue made with the beaten whites of four eggs, four tablespoonfuls powdered sugar. Brown delicately in the oven.

#### Rhubarb Puffs

One cupful of finely chopped rhubarb, one cupful sugar, two tablespoonfuls butter, one teaspoonful baking powder, one quarter cupful milk, two eggs, sufficient flour to make a stiff batter. Cream butter and sugar. Add well beaten eggs, milk, flour, rhubarb and baking powder. Half fill well greased cups and steam half an hour. For the sauce cream together one-half cupful butter, one cupful powdered sugar, then add by degrees one whipped egg, beating until smooth. The last thing before serving stir in three tablespoonfuls boiling water.

#### Rhubarb Roll

Mix up a rich biscuit crust; roll out half an inch thick; cover with a layer of raw cut rhubarb; sprinkle thickly with sugar; roll up; lay on a buttered plate and steam forty minutes, then place in a hot oven long enough to dry off, and serve with a hard sauce.

#### Rhubarb and Raspberry Jam

To each pound of prepared rhubarb, allow one pound of raspberries, and two pounds of sugar. Boil slowly and steadily until it jellies when tested on a cold plate. Fill jelly tumblers, cover with paraffin and keep in a cool place. Strawberries may also be used in the same manner.

### Corn Recipes

By Elma Iona Locke

#### Raised Corn Bread

One pint of lukewarm water, one teaspoon of salt, one-half cup of yeast; stir in enough corn meal to make a batter, and set in a warm place to rise. When light, stir in two well beaten eggs, one large spoonful of butter, melted, and one-half teaspoon of soda dissolved in a little warm water. Bake in a slow oven. Half a cup of molasses or sugar may be added if liked.

#### Quick Corn Bread

Two cups of sour milk, one well beaten egg, one teaspoon of salt, one teaspoon of soda, three cups of corn meal; stir well and bake in a quick oven.

#### English Johnnie Cake

One heaping cup of corn meal, one-half cup of flour, one-half cup each of sweet and sour milk, one-fourth cup each of molasses and sugar, one large spoonful of butter, one teaspoonful each of salt and soda, one well beaten egg; mix thoroughly, pour into a well buttered pan and bake for twenty minutes in a quick oven.

#### Corn Muffins

One cup of corn meal, one of flour, one teaspoon each of salt and soda, and two of cream of tartar. Sift all together twice, and add two eggs, and enough sweet milk to make a soft batter. Bake in muffin rings or gem pans, in a hot oven.

#### Brown Bread

One pint of corn meal, one pint of flour, one teaspoon of salt, and three of soda dissolved in a cup of cold water, two cups of sour milk, one cup of molasses. Steam for five hours, then bake for half an hour.

#### Corn Meal Pancakes

Three cups of sour milk, one teaspoon of soda, salt, one egg, one tablespoon of molasses, one cup of flour, one cup of corn meal, mix well and fry. Sweet milk and baking powder may be substituted for the soda and sour milk.

#### Raised Corn Batter Cakes

At night take one pint of lukewarm water, one teaspoon of salt, one spoonful of molasses, one-half cup of yeast, stir in, alternately, two large spoonfuls of corn meal and one of flour until it makes a batter a little thicker than for buckwheat cakes. Set in a warm place until morning, then dissolve a half teaspoon of soda in a little warm water and add to the batter, beating it well. Bake on a hot griddle.

#### Mississippi Corn Bread

One pint of boiled rice, mashed fine, one pint of corn meal, one spoonful of butter, bake in a pan like a pound cake, in a hot oven.

#### Corn Gems

One cup of sour milk, two tablespoonfuls of molasses, one-half teaspoon of salt, one-third teaspoon of soda, one cup each of corn meal and flour. Bake in gem pans in a hot oven. This quantity makes twelve gems.

#### Corn Popovers

Scald one pint of milk, add one tablespoon of butter; stir in a generous half-pint of corn meal. When cool, add three well beaten eggs, put in hot gem pans and bake in a quick oven.

#### Corn Meal Pudding (Boiled)

Put on one pint of milk to boil, and when it begins to boil, stir in slowly four tablespoonfuls of corn meal mixed with a little cold milk and one egg well beaten. Stir until thick, and serve cold with sugar and cream, flavored.



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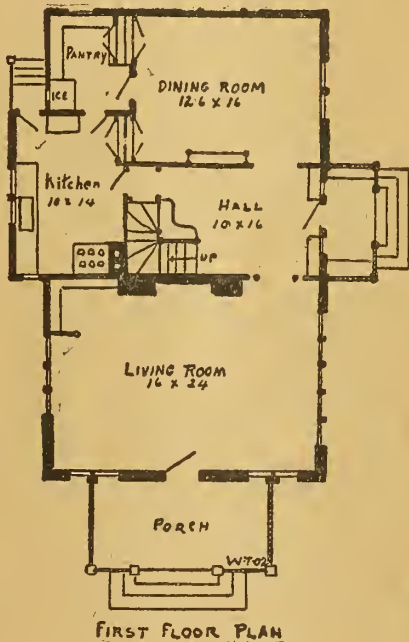
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The illustration shows "Jungle Nook," the residence of Mr. J. H. Howard, at Lake Bluff, Ill., from plans by Webster Tomlinson, architect, of Chicago, and which was built by day labor.

The first story is covered with boards 10 inches wide, left rough just as they come from the saw, and nailed at the bottom only, the top being held securely in place by the horizontal battens of special shape, which allows the wide boards to shrink and swell without splitting, as they do if nailed both top and bottom. The second story is covered with ship-lap, which permits the use of simple planks in window frames made at the building, thus reducing the bill for "mill work." The outside casings are made of the same batten described above. The glass is made in a simple leaded design, with white diamond-shaped spots as shown, and adds much to the effectiveness of the exterior.

The divisions in the roof carry out the idea below of horizontal stratification. All the work about the house, including the interior trim, is so designed as to avoid the use of "special" materials, and is such that the carpenter can make all the "trim" except the sash and doors, at the building. Such of the material as is of special shape can be ordered by the lineal foot at so much per thousand feet, thus effecting quite a saving.

The plastering is what is known as "laid on" work, the second coat of rough mortar being put on when the first coat has had time to set, but before it is dry. It is then brought to an even sanded surface and when dry and hard is simply stained, which gives it a soft and velvety appearance, a much more beautiful surface than the flat, hard kalsomine used so extensively.

The finish outside is one coat of brown cresote stain for the main story. The second story is painted white. The shingles are moss green, dipped in stain before laying. The cornice, sill course and window casings are dark olive green in the second story and white in the first story. The inside trim is stained and oiled, all panels being finished natural with shellac and coat of oil rubbed down. The floors are quarter-sawn Georgia pine, stained and oiled.

The plan shows the large living room, so much desired nowadays, with stair hall, dining room and kitchen on the first floor. The second floor is arranged for four bed rooms, each with closet, and an extra linen closet off the hall. The dressing room between two of the rooms is provided with lavatory, and the bath room is most conveniently located. An attic for storage, or in which two more good sized rooms could be arranged, is lighted by skylight.

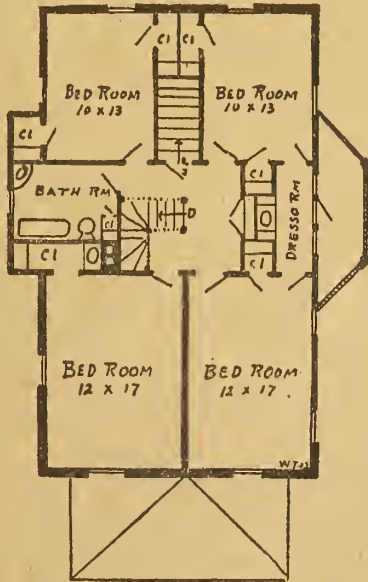
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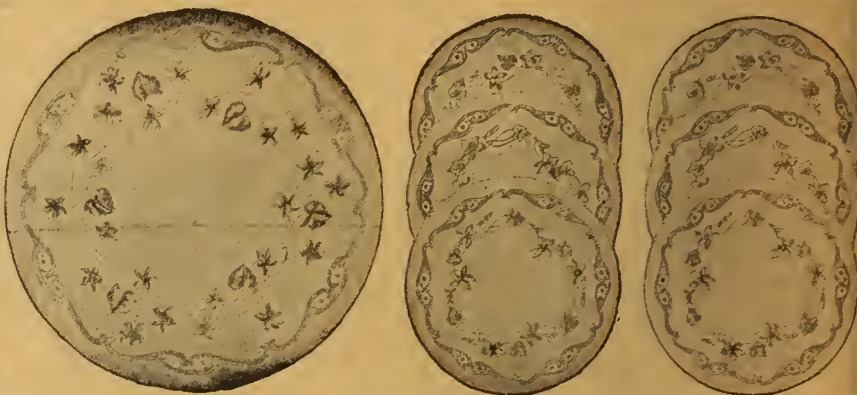
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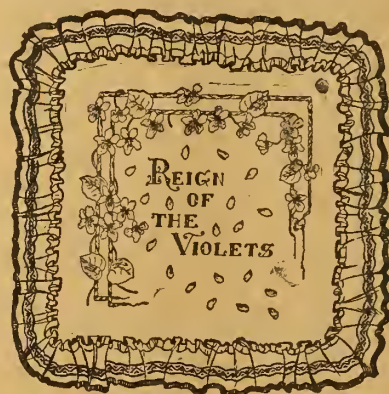
## At the Point of the Needle

By Lauretta Miller



Luncheon Set

Violets, "sweet violets—sweeter than all the roses," these beauteous creations of nature constitute our theme for May.



Pillow Cover

Whatever the month may be, no other flower lends itself with such dainty effect to the needle-woman's fascinating art as does the violet. As spring merges into early summer the moods of not a few turn to the delightful afternoon teas and luncheons in a cozy bay window, or better, on the shaded and sheltered veranda—those charmingly informal functions so enjoyable to both guest and hostess. Anticipating these engaging summer events the housewife often remarks to herself, and sometimes audibly to others, "How lovely it would be to have a set of those exquisite embroidered doilies and a beautiful centerpiece to match."

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### Pillow Design

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### The Baby's Bonnet

Then, too, in most well regulated homes where charming luncheons are often served on the veranda in the warm afternoons of the "good old summer time," there is apt to be a little baby tottler dodging in and out, and "how lovely" to have baby's bonnet harmonize with the doilies, the violet pillows, etc. Hence the embroidery department of the New Vick's is appealed to again to furnish a design for the little one's bonnet. How perfectly charming the combination of baby and bonnet will look, the illustration herewith indicates.

### A Beautiful Doily

Should the baby's proud mamma not have enough violet embroidery to do in working out the designs described thus far she could send for several of the individual lace bordered violet doilies shown in this column.

### Helpful Suggestions

FLOWERS—Start on one side of a petal near the top, and work a row of long-and-short stitch straight across the top end of the petal. When the opposite margin has been reached, go down the side of the petal with outline stitch, to a point that shall mark the lower edge of the second row of long-and-short stitch. Keep the outer edge of this first row close and even, make the upper and lower edges of each succeeding row irregular and uneven. Leave space between the stitches of each row for the stitches of succeeding rows. Work back to the opposite margin, placing each stitch in this row between two stitches of the preceding row of long-and-short stitch; blend the stitches back between the stitches of the first row.

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A Doily



# TO THE READERS OF THE VICK'S MAGAZINE

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## Results of Constipation.

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## Doctors Admit "Drug-Sin."

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## Clever Ways of Doing Things

GOOD IDEAS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE

### To Freshen Summer Dresses

White dresses can often be worn one season without washing if they are dampened on the wrong side with thin starch water and pressed as fast as they are dampened, and this should be done as soon as they become wrinkled to keep them fresh and dainty looking. Hay-water, made by pouring boiling water over hay, is excellent for washing tan or brown linen, and the ordinary brown rice flour is the only safe starch for dark linens and muslins. In laundering lawns and thin muslins gum arabic should be added to the starch. Get the fine, white gum arabic and dissolve it in boiling water, and add a tablespoonful to starch made in the ordinary way, then it should be strained to make it as smooth as possible. After washing garments of a lavender, pink or green color, put a little diamond dye for cotton of the same color as the goods in the last rinsing water and hang them in the shade to dry, and they will come through the laundering as fresh and unfaded as when new, if the work is carefully done. A faded cotton waist or dress can be renewed by boiling the remaining color out and then boiling in a strong solution of the same dye, and dark colors can be selected for calicos and gingham and delicate shades for muslins.

In ironing lace on lawn dresses it is best to iron all the rest of the garment first, then dampen the lace and press on the wrong side. As soon as you have finished pressing the lace, pull it out to its fullest width and run the iron over the wrong side and you can make the lace look almost like new; and tucks should be ironed first on the right and then on the wrong side. After washing thin white muslins, rinse them first in water that is slightly blue and then put them through water of a deeper shade and rub them carefully through this so every part will get its share of blue.—M. H.

### Making Quilts Quickly

All require bedding, and we cannot spend weeks on one quilt as our mothers did, and boughten covers are too heavy for comfort.

Select pretty washable material for the top, with good muslin for lining. Cut squares, one-fourth the width desired for the quilt. From a pretty contrasting color cut bias folds three-fourths of an inch wide and baste from corner to corner on each square, to be quilted at each edge and through the middle.

Baste sixteen of these squares, with but little cotton between. Before being joined together one of these squares can be quilted as elaborately as desired in less than an hour. Quilt the bias pieces first, quilting spaces between in diamonds or in any way preferred. Join the squares by felling the lining, then cover each seam with a bias strip and quilt like the crosses. Each long strip is easily made. Now join two and two, felling, basting and quilting each. Lastly fell and baste strip through the middle. Roll one side, so as to pass through the arm of the machine easily, and quilt. When done bind with the same bias goods. If a quilt is desired to be longer than wide make a border like the bias strips, having it deeper at each end, and in this case the binding should be like the body of the squares. This is pretty quilted in small diamonds.—S. A. P.

### The Way I Mend Stockings

There was a time I would have held up my hands in horror at the sight of great holes in the men's woolen socks. Now, I only smile and reach for my crochet-hook. This is how I do it. First trim off all the ragged edge around the hole; get yarn the shade of sock as near as possible; crochet all around the hole with a simple crochet stitch, and keep going 'round and 'round narrowing

toward the centre. When nearly closed narrow rapidly, so as not to leave a little knob, but perfectly smooth when finished. I find ladies' and children's black hose mend beautifully in the same manner, only using the steel hook and darn-ing cotton.—B. F.

### Mending Holes With Gum Tissue

When a small hole is torn in a garment that is not launderable, take a piece of gum tissue larger than the hole and just the color of the goods. Press the tear perfectly smooth on the wrong side; lay the tissue on it, and a piece of thin goods on that, and place a piece of paper over the patch and set a moderately warm—not hot—iron on it for a minute or two. Take up the paper and the work is done.—Mrs. A. A. Watkins.

### Stopping Griddle Smudge

One of the best devices for preventing the usual smudge when using a griddle for cooking cakes, is to use a slice of turnip to rub over the griddle in place of the fat commonly regarded as necessary. The cakes turn as easily, while there is no suspicion of smoke, as when fat is used. This is recommended by a celebrated cooking-school teacher and with me works perfectly.—Mrs. J. M. H.

### To Remove Blueing Stains

My baby reached up to the table, snatched a box of powdered blueing, and emptied the contents over the front of a new delicate pink gingham dress. I removed the dress at once, immersed it in kerosene, then washed with tepid water and soap, without injuring the pretty color of the dress, but every vestige of blueing had disappeared. Kerosene will also remove grass stains or grease stains without injuring delicate colors.—M. B.

### To Free Chickens from Vermin

In some warm sheltered spot put your ashes for the chickens to dust themselves in, and see how free from vermin it will keep them. And now a word to those like myself who cannot afford a bone crusher to crush bones for the chickens. Get a flat stone and a hammer; go to the chicken house and crack the bones fine and see how the hens will reward you with eggs even in cold weather.—M. M. G.

### Try This

When men's socks become past mending cut off just above the heel, split them down the back and lay two pair together, stitch down the sides and through the center, sew a hanger on one end, hang them near the stove where they will be handy for lifting hot kettles and pans.—W. H. G.

### Remedy for Burns

Eight years ago our little baby boy was so seriously burned that it seemed as if the flesh on the whole top of his head was cooked. Having seen an article written by a doctor, who said to cover such burns immediately with linseed oil or, if not at hand, to use common molasses, we tried the latter. Cover a cloth with either substance, tie it about the burn and never untie until healed. I had no oil at hand, so used the molasses; tied up the little fellow's head as directed and not a scar is left to show today, and there is as fine, heavy growth of hair on his head as any one could wish for. This burn was so bad that it was several weeks in healing, yet the child never tried to remove the cloths that were tied to his head, which seems to show that the pain must have been eased.—Mrs. W. M. K.

### To Prevent Boiling Over

Butter the upper inside edge of a stew pan to prevent the contents of the pan boiling over, whether milk, chocolate or cereals.—A. J. B.

### In a Hurry

One hot day in mid-summer I was invited out to tea, and had planned a cold supper for the family. I had the potatoes diced for a salad, but with so many things to do, time passed and found me without the cream dressing intended to cook while getting dinner. I let the fire in the range go out as usual and taking the milk gravy left from dinner,—a little more than half a bowl full—I broke an egg into it and beat it with the egg-beater. Then I added two tea spoons of mustard, two tablespoons of sugar, two tablespoons of butter and one half cup of vinegar. I turned it into a sauce-pan, and lighting the oil-stove cooked it a few minutes, stirring it continually. After straining it I found that I had as good cream dressing as usual, and made in about one-quarter of the usual time.—L. W.

### Airing Blankets

An excellent way to air or dry blankets, quilts, and comforts, is to hang them on two parallel lines about three feet apart. One who has never tried it will be delighted to see how nicely they may be sunned and aired, or how quickly they will dry.—Mrs. A. L. C.

### To Prevent Thread from Kinking or Breaking

Sometimes the upper thread on a machine will kink or break. It is more apt to do so when thin goods, which require a rather loose tension, are sewed. To stop this, fill the slot or hole in the needle bar, through which the thread passes, with fine hard soap or paraffine. This will smooth the thread and will not injure the goods, and will be found very helpful.—Mrs. G.

### To Remove Ink Stains from Cotton Cloth

Put the ink spot to soak in one pint of thick sour milk, which in the course of a few hours will be black; then soak it again in another pint. This will remove every sign of ink and leave the color as bright as new.—M. G. C.

### Charcoal for Offensive Breath

The best treatment in regard to offensive breath is the use of powdered charcoal, two or three tablespoonfuls per week, taken in a glass of water before retiring at night.—Miss F. D.

### Fastening Seams

When sewing by machine, sew an inch or two at the end of each seam in the opposite direction from which seam is sewed, thus doubling strength at ends and preventing ripping.—A. B. T.

### Damp Cupboards

A bowl of quicklime placed in a damp cupboard will tend to dry it. The lime should be renewed every day or two, as it loses its power.—M. G. C.

### To Remove Stains from Marble

Fine table salt rubbed on marble will remove a stain unless the latter be of too long standing.—M. G. C.

### To Brighten Up a Carpet

I find that to clean a room without making a dust, that to use a coarse cloth, such as a towel rung out of salt and water, quite dry, will remove the dust and leave the carpet quite bright.—Mrs. C. A. L.

### To Keep Lemons Fresh

Place the lemons in glass fruit jar; cover with cold water; seal tight. If you wish to use part of them, remove those you want; rinse those left; fill the jar as before. They will keep fresh a long time this way.—B. P.

### Good Suggestions

Ink stains may be removed from silver and plated goods by using a paste of chloride of lime and water, which must be well rubbed in.

If when baking, the oven should get too hot, place a basin of cold water in it. This will cool the oven and the steam which rises from the water will prevent the contents from boiling.

Ladies in washing the head should tie the hair a few inches from the end; and if they do so carefully they can wash their hair as thoroughly and with less tangling than men do.



# SIGHCIDES

By CY CYLER and His Friends

## BEGINNIN'S

BY BURRITT HAMILTON

With earthquakes fer His plowshare and  
lightnin's fer His hoe,  
The Lord 'lmighty went about His farm  
to till and sow;  
He fenced His lands with mountains, and  
He scooped the valleys deep,  
And planted plains and woodlands while  
the angels was asleep;

He ditched His fields with rivers that  
He drained into the seas;  
He set an apple orchard fer the aborigines;  
He built a mammoth ice plant in the  
chilly polar zone;  
He lit His roads with planets and He  
walled His fields with stone;

He tried to farm New England, but it  
wa'n't no consequence;  
He sweat so much the ocean has be'n  
salty ever sence;  
And then, while things was sproutin',  
He set down a little spell  
And whittled out ol' Adam from a piece  
of lobster shell.

When Adam growed, He set him out to  
watch the trees and crops;  
But Adam let the dinosaurs git in and  
tromp the hops;  
And Adam went in swimmin' and fergot  
the onion patch,  
While pterosaurs and mastodons got in  
and raised old scratch.

Then man's Inventor was that wroth He  
set the hills afire  
(Some few volcanoes burnin' yet bespeak  
how great His ire)

And feelin' so towards mankind, He  
fashioned Eve with care,  
Adaptin' her to say to men the things  
He didn't dare;

And then He raised His voice aloud and  
said unto the man:  
"You air so pesky shif'less-like you  
need a guardian;  
So, while you have dominion over all  
dumb things, 'tis true,  
From now I give the blessed Eve  
dominion over you."

## TORT AND RETORT

The attorneys in a Milwaukee court  
had been doing overtime duty in ques-  
tioning a prospective juror. Finally one  
lawyer said: "You are a married man  
and realize that if you serve on this jury  
you may be closeted several days and  
nights and be away from home all that  
time—wouldn't that be an unbearable  
inconvenience?"

"Oh, no," quick came the answer,  
"it would be a great recreation."

## THE YOUNG IDEA

The janitor at a public school building  
had just swept the hardwood floor with  
an oiled brush, leaving the surface some-  
what slippery. A heavyweight gentle-  
man visiting the building lost his bal-  
ance and fell heavily to the floor, where-  
upon one of the pupils remarked: "That  
fellow took a drop too much."

A small boy was sent to the public  
library to get the well known book, "To

Have and to Hold." On the way he  
tarried at play and forgot the name of  
the book. When at the library, with a  
puzzled expression on his countenance,  
he looked up and said: "I want that book:  
When You Get It You Keep It."

A gentleman of rare literary attain-  
ments and a very able public speaker by  
the name of Waite, was being entertained  
at dinner. After ample justice had been  
done the meal, all withdrew to the parlor  
and the hostess rendered several choice  
selections on the piano, much to the  
delight of her guest. The host then sug-  
gested that the visitor reciprocate by  
giving a select reading, when his wife  
remarked that nothing very weighty  
would be expected so soon after eating.  
To this the host replied: "That's just  
what we should expect from him—some-  
thing very Waite—y."

First Philosopher—"Weren't you talk-  
ing about tainted money the other day?"

Second Philosopher—"So I was, and  
I'm strongly opposed to churches and  
schools accepting this kind of money."

First Philosopher—"By the way, do  
you know why so many people are  
opposed to tainted money?"

Second Philosopher—"No, I don't."

First Philosopher—"Caws it 'taint  
theirs."

A group of schoolboys were discussing  
the rapid gait of a high school football  
hero when one spoke up and said: "Oh,  
that's nawthin'. One of the kids down  
in our alley the other day ran a hundred  
yards in eleven seconds."

"He must have been a regular ali-  
gator," quickly remarked another boy.

In a recent divorce case the witness  
declared that the cruel husband beat his  
wife until she was pitch black in the  
face. Perceiving the amazement of the  
judge, counsel, and spectators, the wit-  
ness added: "That wasn't anything re-  
markable, you know his wife was a  
negress to begin with."

An elderly gentleman was propound-  
ing the somewhat familiar conundrum,  
what is the difference between a hen and  
a married man. While waiting for the  
answer to the effect that the man could  
lay an egg on a red hot stove and not  
burn his feet and a hen couldn't, a by-  
stander offered this solution which is not  
bad: "One pecks and the other gets  
pecked."

A little three-year-old girl, who, in  
her short life had seen a calf but never  
a colt, was passing a barn yard when her  
bright eyes suddenly spied a pretty little  
colt. With great earnestness she ex-  
claimed, "Oh mamma, mamma, des see  
dat big horse's little calf."

## A KENTUCKY IDEA

At each of the coming political con-  
ventions this summer there will be dele-  
gates-at-large from Kentucky—yes from  
Kentucky, the great commonwealth of  
blue grass, fine horses, pretty women,  
prohibition and whisky, dark and light  
tobacco, night riders, repeating Win-  
chesters, etc., etc. In order to guard  
against any unseating accidents, these  
delegates will provide themselves with  
an additional set of credentials, which  
will be of the self-adjustable-instanta-  
neous-automatic-focusing models to be  
carried in the hip-pocket when on duty,  
and to be worn under the pillow when  
sleeping. The fact that the Kentucky  
delegates are "at large" will go a long  
way toward guaranteeing a state of  
serenity throughout each of the conven-  
tion cities. The calm will be most  
dense in the immediate vicinity of the  
convention hall, and it will bear such a  
close resemblance to that variety of order  
that springs from a spontaneous and  
natural love of peace as to permit the  
business of the conventions to proceed  
along regular lines. Harmony being the  
strength and support of all institutions  
and more especially of conventions and  
such things, it will not be surprising if  
the Daughters of the American Revolu-  
tion should adopt this form of credential  
for their next congress.

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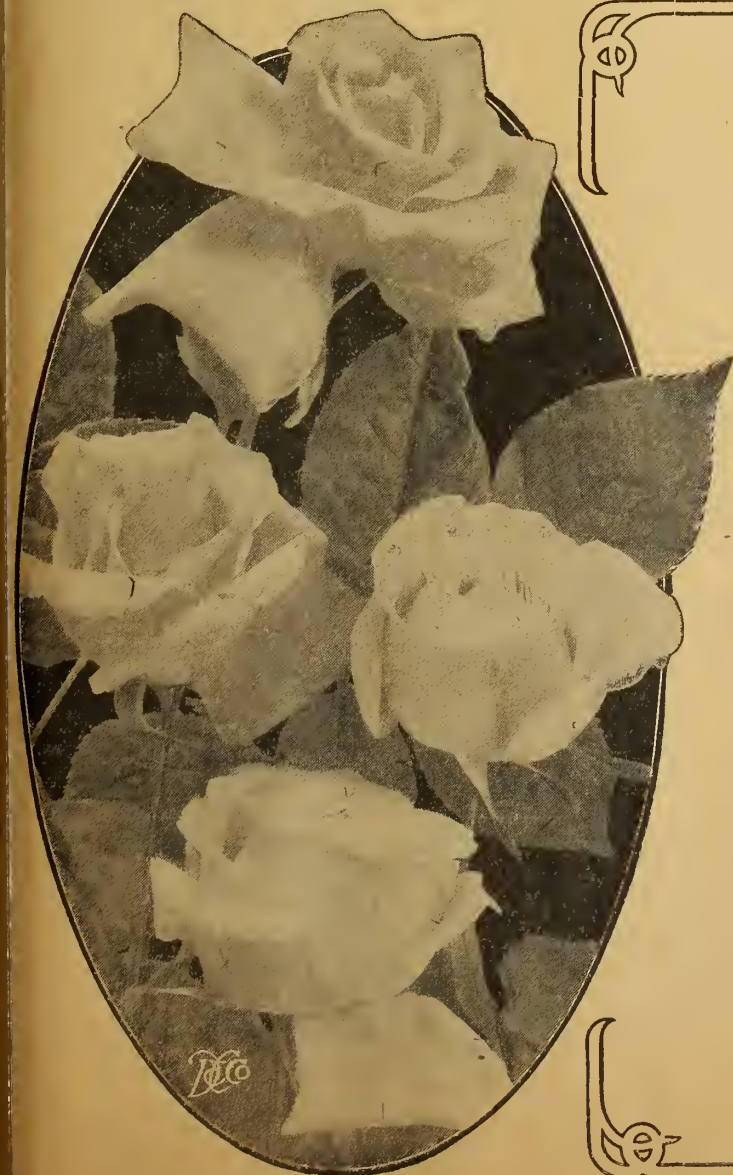
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## What Margaret Did

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home was not large enough to hold it, and it was moved into a large one; and still it grew. It later became an immense steam baking factory right in the midst of the business center of the city.

Margaret was never idle. After the day's baking was finished she would get her favorite little chair and sit at her office door ready for business. Rich and poor greeted her, for all knew the true worth hidden in the plain dress. Whether it was the milk woman, who rattled noisily up to the door in her high wheel cart with the daily supply of milk and then tarried for a little chat, or the grave, respectful salute of the banker under whose control lay the money of the people. Maybe it was only an old praline woman with her basket of sweet candies who called a cheery greeting as she trudged bravely along the street. No matter who might the passers be, they were alike in that each had a friendly word to say to Margaret.

The needs of the little orphan children appealed to Margaret's tender heart because, as she said—"I was once an orphan myself." As soon as the bakery earned enough money she built them a fine, large home, "St. Vincent's Infant Asylum." The little inmates of this home gave Margaret a present once on a time. They crocheted a nice, pretty shawl for her. Tedious work it was for little hands to do, and still harder for the little people to have enough patience to keep up the work until completed. Margaret appreciated this gift so much that she always spoke of it as "her state occasion shawl."

Margaret not only built a home for the little orphans but she also helped to build an "Industrial Home for Girls," and at her death left all her money to the poor, little orphans of New Orleans.

Now listen! somebody suggested that a statue be erected in remembrance of her kind deeds. The idea grew rapidly because everyone wanted to contribute and help along the work, until one morning the little orphans of the St. Vincent Asylum found a statue of their friend just opposite their windows. This was where she used to sit and watch them at their play. The statue represents her sitting in her favorite chair, with the "state occasion shawl" thrown around her shoulders. This monument is the first ever erected to a woman in the United States.

If any one could have told Margaret during her busy, hard-working life that a statue would be erected in honor of her good and kind deeds she would have laughed at the idea and dismissed it from her mind. For humility was part of her goodness.

Not all of us are allowed to fight great battles, or to discover new countries, or do some brave act for all the world to applaud. But every one of us has the daily opportunity of building his own monument with good deeds, ready kindness and pleasant thoughts.

Had you ever thought about it?

## For Justice

By Burritt Hamilton

The times have changed. The old faith dies.  
The idols of our sacrifice  
Have proved but gods of brass and stone.  
The greatness we esteemed as just,  
The names we hallowed with our trust,  
Lie mingled with the common dust,  
Like temples overthrown.  
Long for their splendor we have slaved,  
Long for their spending we have saved,  
Now, meting justice, shall we spare?

He is a traitor to his race  
Who, owned or awed by power or place,  
Makes compromise with Wrong.  
Upon the gibbet of his lie  
His memory shall writhe and die,  
And hosts unborn shall pass him by  
With loathing deep and long.  
Wait not for other days and deeds;  
Trust not the promise that misleads;  
Rise, public conscience, in thy might!  
Defend the humble and the poor,  
Demand a justice swift and sure,  
Demand a future made secure  
By vindicated right.

## Pleasing the Palate

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### Corn Puffs

One cup of cold mashed potato run through a sieve, one cup of milk; the well beaten yolk of one egg, add very slowly, beating constantly, a cup of corn meal, and add lastly white of the egg beaten to a stiff froth and bake at once in hot gem pans, the potato was not salted, add half a spoon of salt to the batter. Wheat may be used instead of the potato desired, mixing it with the corn dry.

### Baked Indian Pudding

Two quarts of scalded milk, half a spoon of salt, one and one-half cups corn meal, one teaspoon of ginger, and let stand for twenty minutes, then add one cup of molasses, two well beaten eggs, a piece of butter the size of a walnut, and bake two hours.

### Hominy Pudding

Boil two-thirds cup of hominy in one and one-half pints of milk for an hour, then add two eggs, one cup of sugar and one teaspoon of extract rose, well beaten together, and one tablespoon butter. Pour into well buttered pudding dish and bake in a hot oven for twenty minutes.

### Corn Meal Pudding (Baked)

One cup of corn meal, one quart sweet milk, boil together until the meal is done, and while it is cooling, beat together three eggs, one cup of sugar and a piece of butter the size of an egg, one-half cup of molasses, and the juice and grated peel of a lemon, mix with the corn mush while it is still warm, and bake in a pudding dish for half an hour.

### Corn Cake

One cup of sugar, one-half cup molasses one-fourth cup of butter, two eggs, one cup of sour milk, one teaspoon of soda, one cup of flour, and two cups of corn meal. Flavor to taste.

### Confederate Corn Cakes

Two cups of sugar, one cup of butter three cups of bolted corn meal, two cups of sweet milk, six eggs, one teaspoon of soda, and two of cream tartar. Beat the eggs separately; cream the butter and sugar, add the yolks, then the milk, and the meal sifted with the soda and cream tartar; lastly add the stiffly beaten white and flavor to taste. Bake in small cake pans.

### Corn Meal Doughnuts

Pour one and one-half cups of boiling milk over two cups of corn meal; when cool, add one cup of butter, one and one-half cups of sugar, three eggs, two cups of flour, and flavor with nutmeg or cinnamon. Let rise till very light; roll about half an inch thick; cut out and fry.

### Emergency Pie Crust

Butter the pie tin well, sift corn meal thickly over it, and pour in the custard. The corn meal settles and forms a very fair crust to the custard.

The man whose own home is not "the gate of heaven" is not likely to find that gate simply by going to church.

Where love reigns supreme, the labor that feeds and blesses is most honored where love is not, the labor that kills—war—is most honored.

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# HOME WELFARE

## Higher Household Life

By Alice Maynard Bordeaux

"We may live without poetry, music, and art;  
We may live without conscience, and live without heart;  
We may live without friends; we may live without books;  
But civilized man cannot live without cooks."

Such is the opinion of Lord Lytton, as expressed in his "Lucille."

### The Cook

With every recurring meal, we are reminded of the value of cooks. What work, with its results, can be compared with that of the one who daily prepares the food for our tables,—the food which is to build blood, bone, muscle, and tissue? Even the minister, whose uplifting work is ranked above all else, has to deal with brains either quick and clear or dull and clogged, according as they have been fed at the hand of the skilled or witless cook.

Out of the home springs the larger life of society, and the nation; and the nature of this life is determined by the physical prosperity of the individuals which compose it; these, in turn, are dependent largely upon their cooks for whatever physical prosperity may be theirs to enjoy.

### Cookery Not Necessarily Drudgery

As it falls to the lot of many to be cooks, how necessary to realize the full importance of the work, not only that those who fare about our board may be benefited, but that the work may become a science and an art to the one whose duty it is to do or supervise this work, that it may never be what, woe! fact! it is to so many trudging housewives,—a drudgery,—but a pleasurable task, one that calls into action our physical, mental, and artistic powers. As there must be cooks, why not glorify the work by bringing into it some of the best of our better selves? How delightful will be the work, and how blessed those who partake of the food, if the same careful thought and taste are bestowed upon it that are given to other duties. Thus the work will be made easier, time will be saved, and many an ache avoided, both for those who prepare and those who partake of the food; while every detail incident to this delightful operation will be a pleasure to all concerned.

### The Uses of Forethought

Let us catch a glimpse of a well-ordered household, thereby, mayhap, being strengthened in our own good works and purposes. The thoughtful housewife before us, who is compelled to be the only cook, is preparing dinner. As she moves quietly about the kitchen, her thoughts are at work planning the menu for the following day. Her refined taste and good judgment lead her to select a few choice dishes to be carefully prepared and daintily served. She often selects a cereal as the basis of the morning meal, and so takes advantage of the time when dinner is cooking to start the breakfast grains. A brief study of cereals has given her valuable information as to the best method of cooking them. The mere knowledge that cereals must be subjected to a high temperature for at least four hours, that the heat may do its work of disintegrating the cellulose, and breaking up the starch granules, in order that they may be readily assimilated by the stomach, lends enough of interest to this simple task to lift it above the level of drudgery. Keeping in mind an ideal of perfect order in all things, she measures carefully all the ingredients, and puts

them together in a scientific way. Into the salted boiling water, she sprinkles the grains slowly, not allowing the water to cease boiling, and beats rapidly with a batter-whip to prevent the formation of lumps. Leaving the heat to do its quiet work of transformation upon the grains while the dinner is preparing, she is ready to continue her preparation for the midday meal without being hindered in the least. In the morning there is no rush or bustle in preparing this part of the breakfast; for as soon as the morning fire has been lighted, the grains become warmed, and need simply to be served. Thus, by a little forethought and comparatively no work, she gives to those who come to break their fast, a wholesome, palatable, easily digested dish.

While doing the little work which follows the evening meal, she does what else she can for the preparation of the morning meal. Accordingly, she leaves the kitchen after the last meal of the day with everything in such readiness for breakfast, that, in the morning, she has plenty of time for the matinal toilet. She has time to greet the household with a pleasant smile, and a cheery "Good morning," and is enabled to sit down with the rest, not tired and perhaps a trifle vexed over some part of the meal that did not meet her expectations, but refreshed and gratified.

### Some Results of Forethought

The cheerfulness upon her countenance is reflected back to her from the family, fortifying her against the many irksome duties which will come to her through the day. The thoughts of the housewife had not been given merely to the lightening of her work, but to the planning of a menu which would give right combinations, the necessary food elements, and nutritive values. She knows that before them are foods which meet all the demands of vigorous bodies and active minds.

The joyous comfort and satisfaction coming from the consciousness of directing a well-ordered household are enhanced by the touches of artistic skill which she gives to the breakfast. She knows well how to decorate for state occasions, but her chief delight is to use her taste for the everyday, ordinary meals in a way to make little, if any, added work. In arranging the fresh fruits, a little thought suggests to her that the light and dark fruits are more pleasing in combination, on account of the contrasts in color. So she selects the reddest apples, polished and shining, to place among the dull, pale-yellow bananas, leaving the paler apples to be made more effective by the bright-yellow oranges at another meal.

Knowing that an inviting table is not necessarily an elaborate or extravagant one, she lingered a moment after the previous evening's work to attend to the little details that make a table attractive. The knives and forks were placed exactly right, and the plates which were to receive the different foods were artistically arranged,—work for which she has no time in the morning, but which she wishes to have done as carefully for her small family, yes, more carefully, than when guests are to be present.

The best taste and thought at her command it is her duty and her delight to use in preparing the three meals, during which periods of time all the members of the family are together.

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## Human Welfare

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Wm. E. Chancellor.

## The Shiftless Masons

(Continued from page 6)

doorway, and Tom made a rude trellis for it, which they called the porch-sounded so encouraging. Many a basket of mould came from the woods to enrich the little flower bed, and the twins declared that they were "all the time a-digging some old place," but Janet kept them in good order, and they rarely objected.

It was well that they were all used to hard fare, and expected nothing else. Janet had been trained in a rough school and saved every penny rigidly. Mr. Brown put her in the way of studying the most economical and nourishing foods, and during its season they almost lived from the garden. Fortunately the all kept well, and there was no doctor bill; and remembering the hardships of last winter and the dreaded coal to be bought, Janet tried each week to lay by a little for future needs. Johnny took to his work and brought home his weekly dollar proudly, and Lucy, too, was giving satisfaction. She was a docile child, fast losing her untidy, careless ways under Miss Edgerton's training, and very eager to display her new "manners" on the Sunday visits home, and to show how Miss Edgerton did things. And Janet painfully conscious of her own deficiencies, listened and profited.

But even for Lucy it had not been smooth sailing always. Some of the girls had snubbed her and said hateful things. She was still too much of a child to be crushed by it, however, and when it came to Miss Edgerton's ear, there was a notable lecture upon snobbishness as a mark of ill-breeding, and thereafter Lucy's trials lessened. She was learning to sew, and after a while some of her teacher's dresses were made over for the child, who began to wear a different look altogether. The family looked upon her proudly and admired her "nice ways" with all their hearts. And as for Tom, he had braced up, lost his slouch, and looked the world squarely in the eye as the man of the house should.

The dreaded winter passed. Tom's foreman was kind, and sometimes encouraging, and his wages had been slightly raised. All looked promising. That spring in the garden they had early radishes and lettuce to sell, and later, peas and other things. There was also a long double row of sweet peas, which furnished half a dozen bouquets a day in its season. The convenient twins set up

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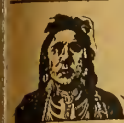
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a little wagon of Tom's making, and became well known in the village, sometimes doing a thriving business. Tom began to call them the Gold Dust Twins. The Garden Book was studied diligently. Janet had a big bed of lavender, and one of fine herbs that sold well, and in the fall one or two hotbeds were made, and a cold frame for violets. It was all so fascinating that Janet cherished a secret hope of being able in time to give up the laundry work and set up as a "real truly gardener." The creepers flourished, the little flower bed extended its borders till it ran entirely around the house, and along either side of the neat path to the street. The weeds and coarse grass had disappeared—the twins and the lawnmower knew why—new shrubs and plants had come to them from various quarters, with the freemasonry that prevails among gardeners, who delight to share their abundance; the garden grew apace and old things passed away. Out doors and in, there was a new state of affairs.

Dark days came, as they come to all; but after the first year life was easier. They were gaining ground and hope was strong. When things went right they rejoiced in the sunshine. When things went wrong they fought in the shade, like the Spartans of old.

So six years went by. Tom had cast his first vote, and felt himself a man at last. He was a foreman now, earning good wages, and ambitious to qualify himself for the top of the ladder, as he said. Janet thought he deserved to be a partner at least. John was a clerk, and making his way, and Lucy, at eighteen, was taking charge of the younger classes in school, exulting in her new dignity, and gleefully spending her first earnings on a gown for Janet. The twins had become the scholars of the family and talked grandly of going to college some day, "when we get rich."

And Janet was a woman of twenty-two. The laundry work had been given up for the gardening some time ago. A little green house opened from the sitting room to the southward, and the front yard was gay with flowers from April to November. There was a piazza with rustic posts at one side covered with vines, the tumbling walls were hidden by creepers and the old fence was gone. In its place, from post to post stretched wires, so covered with vines as to form a green wall, and under some tall shrubs in its corner Tom had made a rustic seat close to the street, but quite hidden, where he and Janet were wont to sit on summer evenings when the work was done. And so it happened that in the twilight once they heard a passer comment on the place—"So pretty and so well kept. One doesn't often see such taste on a small scale."

"No, not often," answered his companion, and they knew the voice for that of the "leading citizen" of the town, Dr. Bradbury. "It was the forlornest place you can imagine a few years ago, but they've transformed it somehow. The Mason children are rising in the world and they deserve their success."

Janet looked at Tom with shining eyes, and the thoughts of both went back to that March morning long ago. Tom smiled, "Yes," he said softly, "The Shiftless Masons belong to the Dark Ages."

## Fragment

BY FRED ALLISON HOWE

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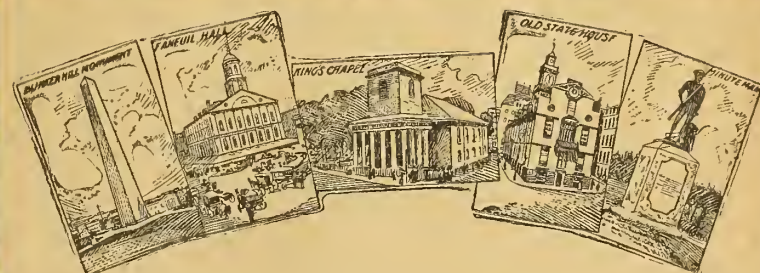
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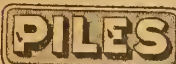
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**Seasonable Suggestions**

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is no good reason why it should not be liberally fed. If you want a rich, velvety lawn you must fertilize it. There's no other way to secure the result you aim at.

Don't be in too great a hurry to get the house plants out of doors. I know of women who banish their plants to the veranda long before freezing nights are over. If their plants don't get frozen, they get chilled, and a chill is almost as harmful as a freeze. The first of June is early enough to turn house plants out of doors.

If you have seedling plants growing in pots and boxes, be sure to give them fresh air on every pleasant day. Don't let the cool air blow directly on them, however. They are too tender to stand even the slightest chill.

Look over the tubers two or three times a week. At this season, disease spreads rapidly, and the only way to keep it in check is to be constantly on the lookout for it, and throw out every tuber that exhibits the slightest indication of decay. If this is not done, your entire stock may be contaminated before you are aware of it.

You ought to be able to tell by this time, what the condition of your roses is. If they seem badly affected by the winter, order new plants to take their places. At some parts of the north it is necessary to set plants every spring in order to keep our collections full. Not all plants will be winter killed, but so many are likely to be that there will soon be gaps in the ranks unless we make a habit of planting each spring a bush to take the place of every one that we lose.

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Your plants were affected with mildew. Dust flour of sulphur over them while they are damp. If the plants are in a draughty place remove them to a more sheltered one.

A Poor Lawn. "The sward was very thin on our lawn last season. What can be done to improve it?"—C.

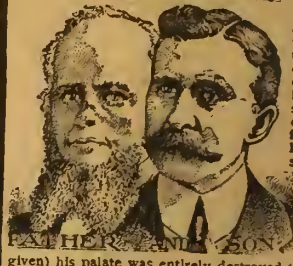
I would advise the application of finely ground bone-meal. Apply a liberal dressing of it now, and again later in the season. It may be well to go over it with a sharp-toothed iron rake, scarifying its surface well, and then scatter the seed of lawn grass thickly. Stable manures are rich in nutriment, but I never advise their use on the lawn, because they contain the seeds of so many weeds, and a weedy lawn is always unsatisfactory.

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than that if a single cell of the disease remains after treatment it will soon reappear and effect the new surrounding tissues. There must be **complete eradication** of every diseased cancer cell. By my Mild Combination Treatment, which has worked wonders in many cases thought to be incurable, the entire cancer has been destroyed, and the necessity for a painful or dangerous operation avoided.

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I write to let you know that the Cancer which you treated for three weeks beginning April 26, 1905, is entirely cured. I am much pleased with the success of your treatment and want to say to all suffering with cancer not to be discouraged but try Dr. Johnson and be cured.

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## Mother's Realm

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child may well be called to the words of the great Teacher of Nazareth that not a parrow falleth to the ground without the father's notice.

In connection with this thought the child may with profit be taught to memorize this pretty poem by Mary Llewellyn Maypole:

Good-night, little birdie up in the tree,  
Bedtime has come for birdie and me.  
Go to sleep, birdie, and shut your eyes  
tight

and wake not again till the morning  
light.

What do you dream of, birdie sweet,  
as you stir in your sleep and say, 'peet,  
peet'?

Do you dream of the time when your  
wings grow strong,

you will fly abroad the whole day long?  
Sleep, little birdie up in the tree,

We are safely guarded, both birdie and  
me.

and I'll pray as I kneel at dear  
mother's knee,

Dear Lord, guard mother, father and me,  
but, please, don't forget, while you're  
guarding me,

the dear little birdie up in the tree."

## J. Sterling Morton

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ve to see each of her three other sons  
occupying positions of great trust and re-  
sponsibility in the business world.

While visiting in Chicago in the spring  
of 1881, Mrs. Morton had the misfortune  
seriously to injure her knee. Despite the  
best medical attention and the loving  
ministry of those near and dear, malig-  
nant inflammation set in, resulting in  
her untimely death, June 29, 1881. Thus  
was the devoted husband and father be-  
nefit of a true and faithful wife and his  
four sons of a fond and loving mother.  
Hereafter the home of Mr. Morton was  
resided over by his only sister, Miss  
Emma Morton, who had been a life-long  
friend of his wife, and to whom she had  
ever been devotedly attached.

Though Arbor Lodge remained and was  
ever becoming more beautiful, its bright  
articular light had gone out, and life  
here never seemed quite the same again.  
Though the coming and the going of the  
years somewhat assuaged the poignant  
pain thus caused, the wound of the fath-  
er's heart was opened afresh in the year of  
1901, when his youngest son, Carl, suc-  
cumbed to a severe attack of double pneu-  
monia, superinduced by over-exertion in  
managing the affairs of one of the coun-  
try's most important industries, located  
at Waukegan, Illinois. The death of his  
son Carl proved a crushing blow to the  
father, and he seemed constantly to lose  
heart thereafter.

In December 1901, Ex-Secretary Morton  
delivered an address before a stock grow-  
ers' convention at Chicago, and thereat  
contracted a severe cold and returned  
home a very sick man. Early in Feb-  
ruary, in company with his son, Paul,  
then a leading official of the Santa Fe  
road, he made a trip to Mexico in the  
hope that the change might give him a  
few lease of life. While at the Mexican  
capital the Ex-Secretary was shown great  
consideration by President Diaz. After  
about a month's stay, he returned to his  
home at Arbor Lodge, but a fatal disease  
was preying upon his sinuous frame.  
After he was taken to the home of his  
son, Mark Morton, at Lake Forest, Illi-  
nois, in the hope that superior medical  
skill to be found in Chicago might yet  
be potent to save his life. But all was  
unavailing. On April 27, 1902, this  
incannatus of the West laid aside life's  
ardens and passed on to his reward, be-  
loved, mourned, and honored by both  
state and nation that shall, as the years  
come and go, ever become more glorious  
through the continuing influence of his  
great life.

ature, the old nurse, took  
The child upon her knee,  
saying, "Here is a story-book  
Thy Father hath written for thee.  
Come, wander with me," she said,  
"Into regions still untrod,  
and read what is still unread  
In the manuscripts of God."

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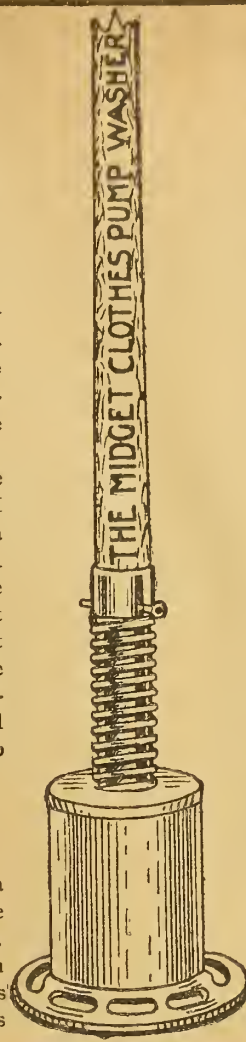
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pleased with it and I want you to become an agent  
for its sale—you can sell a great many of them at  
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that cost \$7.00.



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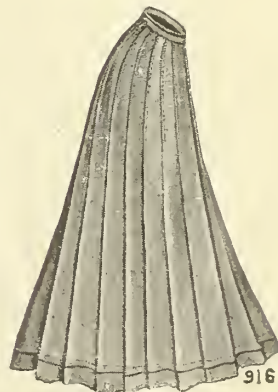
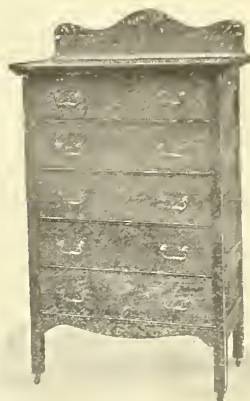
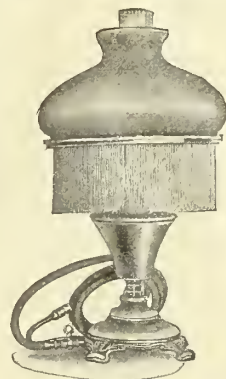


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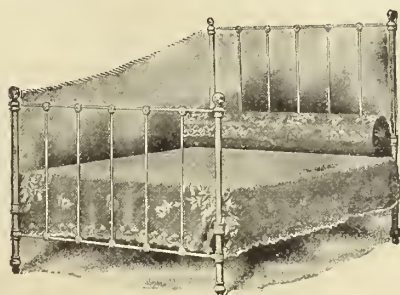
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In the Dakotas and in Montana, along the new line, the soil is a dark loam with a clay sub-soil; good water is plentiful; rainfall is ample to raise the crops; the climate is healthful; the air is dry and invigorating; winters are mild; growing seasons are long. The deeded lands sell at \$10 per acre, and upwards. *Last season many farmers made enough money from their first year's crops to pay for their land.* The Judith Basin, in central Montana, offers exceptional opportunities in farming, particularly in wheat and alfalfa raising. The fruit-grower will find a good field along the new line in Washington. Apples, pears, plums, cherries, apricots and small fruits grow well there. Last year hundreds of acres of bearing orchards produced crops which brought from \$500 to \$600 per acre.

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# How Women Beautify Themselves



The Beauty Bath

**J**UST before retiring is the accepted time for treating the face for removal of blemishes, and development of the neck, arms and bust. The one important thing being absolute relaxation and repose of muscles that can be obtained only by sleep.

After removing the clothing, your bowl should be half filled with water as hot as you can bear it and, bending over it so as to get the benefit of the vapor as well as the water itself, sop with the palms until the flesh is thoroughly warmed, then use Dr. Charles' Healing Soap and rub it well into the skin. Afterwards use your brush, which should be soft enough not to scratch, but hard enough to cleanse the pores. Do not be afraid that a scrubbing will injure your skin, for it will not. First go over the face, then the neck, shoulders and arms. Bathe the bust more carefully, but do it thoroughly. Then change the water to cold and add a few drops of benzoin which will tend to reduce the pores. Sop and slap the skin thoroughly and dry with a course towel.

The skin is now ready for the reception of the Flesh Food, which is prepared to stimulate and nourish the tiny vesicles of the skin proper, and for building the tissues that directly underlie it. You cannot be too careful in the selection of the Flesh Food for this purpose, as ordinary cold creams do not possess the merit of flesh building. They simply soften the skin, which will not remove wrinkles or make plump cheeks, neck, arms or bust.

The starved tissues need a real food which will cause the collapsed cells to expand and fill out the hollow places.

## Massaging the Neck, Arms and Bust

For this purpose the palms and full hands should be employed and thoroughly moistened with Flesh Food. Elevate the chin and grasp the throat firmly with the full hand; draw the fingers upward over the jaws, using first one hand and then the other. Follow by placing the palms on the sides of the neck with the finger tips meeting at the back. Draw the hands forward until they meet at the chin, then draw the finger tips up on the cheeks and begin the rotary motion as described.

Extend the right arm and grasp the upper arm with the left hand and proceed to twist, at the same time double the fist of extended arm and twist it in the opposite direction. This you will find will develop the arms rapidly. Follow the treatment with the forearm and then do the same with the left arm. You will find that this is real exercise, and by keeping the palms well moistened with Flesh Food the skin will absorb it rapidly.



The palms should be employed in massaging the bust. Stand perfectly erect with the lungs well filled with air and place the heels of the palms as far backward towards the arm pits as is possible, letting the fingers kneed the breast. Do this very gently and then follow by drawing the palms slightly downward and then inward (using both hands) until they meet. Then draw them firmly upward, high on the chest and backward toward the shoulder points. Next pass the palms downward and complete the circle. Next grasp the breasts firmly, kneading them and repeating this movement for at least five minutes both night and morning.

## To Eradicate Lines of the Forehead

When massaging the lines of the forehead from temple to temple, it is wise to use only the soft balls of the finger tips, as the palms of the hands and the entire fingers are not so soft and delicate.

Place the finger tips on the center of the forehead and draw them gently but firmly outward toward the temples. Never rub the reverse way (toward the center) as that tends to increase and emphasize the lines. Keep the fingers well moistened with Flesh Food so that the pores may drink in every bit of nutriment possible. Continue this movement for about five minutes, and a little longer will do no harm.

## The Rotary Movement, an Important One

The rotary movement is the most important one to learn and is used to a great extent on all parts of the face and body. Many expert Masseuse use it together with a picking up or pinching of the flesh between the thumb and forefinger, to stimulate a healthy circulation of the blood. The finger tips begin at the corner of the mouth, massaging with a circular movement upward and making small complete circles, passing over the cheek to the outer corner of the eye. Then begin a little farther out and carry the rotary movement upward past the eye and inward to the center of the forehead. Repeat on both cheeks for about five minutes.

## Massaging Under the Eyes

Massaging around the eyes is always the most delicate part of the work and a more gentle stroke should be employed. You should commence just above the inner corner of the eye, bringing the finger tips downward and then outward and at the outer corner of the eye slightly upward. Repeat on the other eye and use a little more time here as it tends to reduce puffiness, and lines at the base of the nose. A liberal quantity of Flesh Food should be kept on the finger tips.

## PRACTICAL HINTS ON MASSAGING AT HOME TO REMOVE WRINKLES AND CLEAR THE COMPLEXION—MASSAGING FOR DEVELOPMENT.

These simple directions should be followed daily either in the morning or just before retiring. The time consumed will be but a few minutes each day. The Beauty Bath is of importance and should be heeded.

By Julia M. Wakeley

## Removing Lines on Eyelids and "Crow's Feet"

In this treatment the most extreme gentleness of movement should be observed, using the balls of the fingers very lightly, and be sure that they are well moistened with Flesh Food. Commence at the inner corner of the upper lid, bringing the finger tips upward and outward in a curved line just beneath the eyebrow, being careful not to press the eyeball. When the outer corner of the eye is reached the finger tips should be brought slightly upward and then back over the ear. Next alternate with the third movement.

## Plumping the Cheeks, Removing Lines at Corners of Mouth

It should be remembered that the upward movement should be used wherever practical instead of downward, which have a tendency to cause the face to droop or sag. This is most noticeable with the cheeks and throat, and becomes more pronounced with advancing age. In using this movement I wish to impress upon you the importance of using the Flesh Food liberally. Also a little more vigor may be used and the palms may be brought into use. Begin by placing the finger tips on the center of the chin and bring them firmly back toward the ears and then upward. Also with this movement you may pinch up the flesh on the cheeks and knead it somewhat.

## The Selection of the Flesh Food—Cold Creams Will Not Do

When selecting your Flesh Food for the purpose of building up firm healthy flesh, you should be careful that you are using an article of merit. It should be a preparation that is nourishing to the tissue and one that stimulates a healthy circulation of the blood in the tiny vesicles of the skin and adipose tissue. The little cells or fat reservoirs should be fed with a pure, rich compound that is going to develop them. The one preparation that I have found to be superior to all others is the Dr. Charles Flesh Food, put up by the Dr. Charles Flesh Food Co., Dept. V, 752 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y. They are now making a special summer offer of a box of Flesh Food, a cake of their Healing Soap and a box of their exquisite Face Powder, all three by mail with postage prepaid, for one dollar. This is an excellent opportunity for every woman who has not tried these excellent preparations, to do so at a small cost.



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## WITH THE PUBLISHERS

### OUR GOOD ROADS NUMBER

Not only will those specially interested in the subject of Good Roads find much in this issue to interest them, but all intelligent readers everywhere will be greatly pleased with the unusual variety of good reading to be found in it. A perusal of it will prove that even the subject of Good Roads can be made intensely interesting and attractive to all readers, women as well as men, when properly presented. Instead of taking up this subject in a purely technical way, the distinguished writers whose articles appear herein have dwelt on this theme in its close and intimate relation to home life, especially life on the farm. Every farmer's wife will find the splendid address by President Roosevelt on this subject intensely interesting, as she will also the very excellent article by Hon. L. W. Page, the Director of the Office of Public Roads at Washington. The article by Mr. Crandall, (see article on page 5), an expert in the Office of Public Roads, regarding the work being done by the national government, will be found intensely interesting to all. The same may also be said of the articles by Hon. D. Ward King, the far-famed Good Roads man "from Missouri," by Hon. H. S. Earle, the wide awake and witty Michigan Good Roads Commissioner, and by Hon. A. C. Jackson, Vice-President of the National Good Roads Association.

The fiction features of this issue are unusually attractive. The second installment of the charming story "Unchaperoned in Spain," appears this month, and our youthful readers as well as others will find most delightful reading in "The Pink Brocade," a pleasing colonial story, and all will be more than pleased with the bright and chatty road romance entitled "An Unstrategic Auto Trip." Another story of thrilling interest will be found on page 18, "Androcles," that will greatly interest both young and old.

Under the able editorship of Eben E. Rexford, the Floral Department will be found to be of exceptional value this month and our readers will find many of their questions as to what to do in the flower garden anticipated largely in his excellent articles and his answers to questions on another page of the magazine. Mr. Rexford's practical and timely suggestions in any number of Vick's Magazine are well worth the subscription price for the entire year to the many thousands of our readers who love flowers.

The various home departments of this issue present an unusual array of choice and helpful information, showing how successfully to solve many of the problems that arise in every home. It will be noted also that these various departments are particularly seasonable to the approaching glad summer.

### THE OKLAHOMA AND SOUTH-WESTERN NUMBER

The July number of Vick's Magazine will be distinctively patriotic in tone, and in view of the fact that Oklahoma has been the last state to enter the sisterhood of states, special attention will be

given to this great Commonwealth in the July number. Among the many interesting features will be an article regarding the organic law of the new state, by United States Senator R. L. Owen. Other articles will appear setting forth the wondrous development of Oklahoma, and the achievements of her people in bringing into being one of the greatest commonwealths in the nation. In addition to this, attention will be given to important agricultural and industrial sections of neighboring states and territories.

An interesting feature of this issue will be an illustrated article showing how the American flag is made, and other articles of special interest will characterize the number. The short story will harmonize in this regard with the patriotic theme of the month. The splendid serial story by Mrs. Newberry, "Unchaperoned in Spain," will be concluded in the July number.

### A PURE FOOD NUMBER FOR AUGUST

One of the most important forward movements of our time, and one that has been given a wonderful impetus within the last few years, is that making for a constant betterment of all marketable food products. The power of an aroused public sentiment, demanding more wholesome food preparations, has made itself felt both in national and state legislation, resulting in laws that have done much to protect the people against fraudulent, adulterated, and injurious food products.

The August number will set forth what has been done, what is being done, and what should be done, to protect consumers against the many dangerous preparations that have found their way into the market. Not only this, but articles will be published in this number giving definite and practicable information showing how the housewife may intelligently discriminate in making purchases of food preparations for the home table.

In addition to this and other most interesting matter on the question of pure foods, the August number will contain a pleasing variety of timely articles appropriate to the summer outing period, both in the way of fiction, descriptive illustrated matter, and good home department reading. In this issue will begin a most stirring serial story by Mrs. Julia M. Klink, entitled "The Feudist's Revenge," which will give our readers a vivid pen picture of conditions that have long existed in the mountain regions of Kentucky, Tennessee, and other neighboring states, showing the loves, the hates, the long cherished resentments, the mingled meanness and nobility, cowardice, and courage of the hardy people there residing.

### WOMAN'S WORTH AND WORK

This most interesting subject will be the leading theme of the September number of Vick's Magazine. The chief purpose of this issue will be to present to our readers a truthful view of the present status of woman as a factor in our social,

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## UNCHAPERONED IN SPAIN

BY FANNIE E. NEWBERRY—Author of the Wrestler of Phillippi

**I**T WAS for Constance an enchanting ride. Exhilarated by her clever escape, and ready for any adventure, she freely surrendered herself to its novelty. The train crawled along in desultory fashion, as if in no hurry, and carried few passengers, though the incoming trains they met were loaded to the platforms, for the whole countryside was enroute to Seville for the bull-fight. Occasionally she caught sight of a gaily-dressed borderillero and at one station a famous matador was given an ovation but as they left the sparkling Guadalquivir behind, all evidences of city life disappeared, and they came, presently, into a rolling country, where the tobacco and grain plantations lay in ribbons and squares against the green hillsides, for all the world, as Constance thought whimsically, like a crazy-quilt against a pillow. Sometimes the farmer-boy stopped his plow and, with his oxen, helmeted in sheepskin, stood stock-still, to stare as they whizzed by, his high-booted, sombrero-crowned figure a bit of vivid color against the dull soil. Once she saw a little funeral procession winding up a long hill, the bier borne upon eight stalwart shoulders, and a long-skirted priest ahead with lighted candles, doubtless chanting as he marched. Next in the panorama unfurled beside the windows was a brigandish group camping close beside the track, whose men were playing with copper discs. They turned swart faces, with gleaming teeth, to laugh into the eyes of the senorita, seeming like a picture in her frame, and were succeeded by a diligence racing the train with splendid courage; for it was so laden with luggage, caged fowl, sheep, wine, and water-skins, that the passengers seemed merely human ballast, wedged in to keep the cargo in place. But the six horses were gaily caparisoned, and upon the leader sat a little jockey in red and yellow, while upon the high seat above, the driver, gotten up like a figure in opera bouffe, cracked his long whip, at which the bells jingled so loudly she could hear their chiming above the roar of the train.

It was almost a shock when the conductor bawled "Uvetara!" and she knew the little journey was over. She alighted, and looked about her. Though not past eight o'clock, the sun kissed her face with ardor as she turned to look up the steep little path leading villageward. This was huddled upon a rocky-hilltop, as level as if sawed off by machinery, and Constance likened it to a chess-table with the pieces set out of order.

"And I am ready for the game!" she murmured, to rally her sinking courage.

After a question or two to the station agent in her best Spanish, she set out bravely, while he started after her, shaking his head and muttering ominously, though she did not notice. Her climb was short, but steep, and she soon ran plump upon a little posada, a veritable caravansery, with a rude gateway leading into a court, around which the irregular nest of buildings clustered. As she drew near a man appeared in this arched way, who watched her curiously. His thin hatchet face broadened around a pair of black eyes, neither evenly set nor sighted, and this gave him a sinister expression. He wore loose trousers, carpet slippers, an olive jacket diagonally embroidered, and a faded red sash-belt. Constance, inwardly quaking, managed a cheerful "Buenos dias!" and a disjointed query or two, but he evidently could not understand her Spanish, and while talking in his own guttural patois, kept staring behind her, down the hill, as if in puzzled expectation.

In reality, he was looking for her companions, believing her to have strayed from them; for even in these wilds the tourist is recognized, though in the person of a beautiful young woman, entirely unattended, can never be accepted, as Constance was to learn later.

But with salaams, he now invited la senorita inside, and after more gibberish and gesticulation disappeared.

Constance glanced around the cool, dim room, which



A Glimpse of Uvetara

smelled abominably of garlic and grease, then stepped again into the court and seated herself on a stone bench beside the door. It was a rather pretty spot. Some oleanders, of shades hitherto unknown to her, grew in great pots, and a macaw flitted his long tail and screamed a hoarse challenge. She began counting the sunken paving-stones, where water had been spilled, and felt more at home when a gray cat appeared, and began to lap it up contentedly. She called "Pussy, pussy!" but started at the hollow sound of her own voice, and the creature fled in terror.

She was growing decidedly nervous when the man appeared with a woman in tow—a hag, rather—toothless and swarthy. She seemed a veritable squaw to Constance, and her grin was horrible. She came up to the girl, who had risen, and shouting as if to a deaf person, asked, "Angle—see?"

"Yes, American," returned Constance, feeling nervously that she must laugh out if the man did not stop hopping about and rubbing his hands, as if on hot plates.

"Yang-kee?" shrieked the creature again, and Constance bowed disgustedly.

"Par-tee?" was the next explosion, and after a bewildered instant the girl returned,—

"Oh, my party? Yes, they come by and by—on train—sabe?"

Nodding gravely, the woman addressed her husband in low, rapid gutturals, then yelled fiercely in her marvellous English,—

"Hon-gar-ee?" pointing to her own dreadful mouth. Constance nodded most emphatically, adding,—

"A room, too; I want a room."

"Appartementa?"

More nods and the appearance of her purse, which started events to moving on smooth runners. A boy dressed like a street monkey appeared from somewhere, and snatching her handbag, led her up a rickety old stairway to the oddest room she had ever entered. It made her think of a cell in the Tombs, which she had once visited with shivers of horror. Its thick walls were pierced well up toward the ceiling with square openings the size of a handkerchief, and the one conspicuous article of furniture was a ponderous bedstead, so impossibly high, over-canopied, and cumbersome, and so abominably dingy and suggestive of unmentionable occupants, that she felt she could more easily rest upon the bare, sunken floor than in such a sepulcher of rottenness. But after bowing the boy out, she decided to ignore the bed and the little nap she had determined on after her early rising, and hanging her bag on a spike driven below one of the square port holes, she took her courage in her hand, and went below for breakfast.

Constance was considered fastidious at home in New York, but she told herself she could not expect a Delmonico spread here. A bit of cold chicken, a rissole, indeed, any little thing would be acceptable, so sharp was her morning appetite. Fatuous belief!

She was led out to a small table in the court by the toothless landlady,—which so far pleased her,—but ah! that breakfast. Have you ever eaten puchero? Neither had Constance. It is esteemed in Spain, but a sight

of the mess was enough for her. I believe it contains beef and sausage, with sundry seasonings of oil, red pepper, garlic, stale tallow, etc., but she felt it must contain the remnants of every dish left by guests for a month past, and strictly abstained. Making shift with a boiled egg and a bit of sour black bread, she tried to wash them down with a native wine, but it tasted so strongly of the pig skin in which it had been kept, that she desisted, and left the table, paying the score with a reckless feeling that to escape with life and what little had been swallowed, was all she asked.

But, after a short stroll into the rocky wilderness close at this hamlet's doors, she forgot all else in nature's harmonious richness, and finally discovering a solitary nook well up the face of the cliff, where an abutting ledge shut out the too fierce sunshine, she had before her a picture so exquisite it soothed her soul to utter content. There she dreamed away the golden hours; but whether she enumerated Mr. Norris Berrien's virtues is a matter known to none.

By sundown hunger drove her back to the village, and she resolved to find some fruit, rather than trust to the table d' hôte at the posada. As she entered the one street, the men, lounging with their pipes before the house doors after the day's work, stared at her broadly, some even stepping closer to peer impudently into her face. One boor, in a smock frock, shouted a word she had never heard before, and pointed after her.

The women took it up, gabbling shrilly; while the men joined in with hoarser voices, laughing or scowling, and all repeating the unknown word. What was it? What had happened? Had she suffered some magical change in this odd corner of the mountains, and come back a female Rip Van Winkle, to excite the ridicule of the villagers?

She glanced down at her neat tan suit and boots, her gloved hands, and sun umbrella. Certainly nothing was altered, yet she felt queer, uncanny. Little shocks of terror shook her from brain to heel. She gave up the fruit, and hurried back to the inn. The sun had set, and the shadow of the high mountain to the west caused an early twilight. The sky was already purpling; it would soon be gray.

The landlord stood in the archway, his sinister face dark with passion. His wife rose from the bench and joined him, with a leer that suggested the witches in the book of Doomsday. What could it mean? Even the boy peered out evilly, while two coarse maids, with bare feet, stood giggling behind him. A group of women gathered about a rude fountain just beyond, set down their water-skins, and came forward, cackling shrilly, though eliciting no reply from the group at the inn.

But, as Constance drew near, it was as if some necessary circuit were completed; and with explosive force all began together, the man roughly scolding with gesticulations, his wife carrying the aria on higher key, the maids adding the chorus, and the boy yodeling and capering in a mad manner impossible to depict.

When Constance attempted to enter, they waved her back; when she tried to speak, they drowned her with furious imprecations. The crowd was momentarily thickening. In a daze of horror and despair, she saw them surging about her like an angry mob, making as if they would tear her in pieces, and yelling like demons in hell.

In all her petted, aristocratic life she had never dreamed of a scene like this. The rude, gypsyish faces thrust close to her own, with mocking gibes; the fists shaken beneath her chin, with scowls of hatred; the utter abandonment to beastly passion and savagery, such as would make even a picture hideous,—all this was to the unprotected girl like a realization of the Inferno.

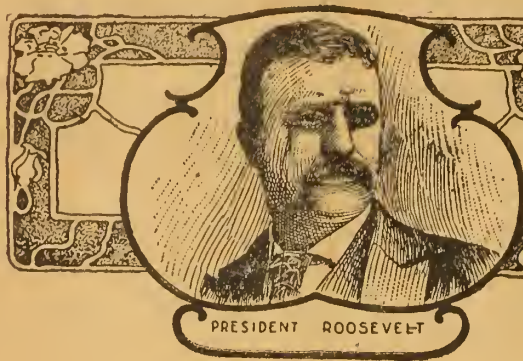
Night falls suddenly, like a cloak dropped before the eyes, in these mountainous regions of Southern

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## President Roosevelt an Ardent Advocate of Good Roads

## His Great Speech on this Subject at St. Louis



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT



FROM LONDON PUNCH BY BERNARD PARTRIDGE



FAMILY RESIDENCE AT OYSTER BAY, L.I.

**W**HEN we wish to use descriptive terms fit to characterize great empires and the men who made those empires great, invariably one of the terms used is to signify that that empire built good roads. When we speak of the Romans, we speak of them as rulers, as conquerers, as administrators, as road builders. There were empires that rose over night and fell over night, empires whose influence was absolutely evanescent, which have passed away without leaving a trace of their former existence; but wherever the Roman established his rule the traces of that rule remain deep today, stamped on the language and customs of the people, or stamped in tangible form upon the soil itself. And so passing through Britain fifteen centuries and over after the dominion of Rome passed away, the Roman roads as features still remain; going through Italy, where power after power has risen, and flourished, and vanished since the days when the temporal dominion of the Roman emperors transferred its seat from Rome to Byzantium—going through Italy after the Lombard, the Goth, the Byzantine, and all the people of the Middle Ages that have ruled that country—it is the imperishable Roman road that reappears.

The faculty, the art, the habit of road building marks in a nation those solid, stable qualities which tell for permanent greatness. Merely from the standpoint of historic analogy, we should have a right to ask that this people, which has tamed a continent, which has built up a country with a continent for its base, which boasts itself, with truth, as the mightiest republic that the world has ever seen, which I firmly believe will in the century now opening rise to a position of headship and leadership such as no other nation has ever yet attained—merely from historic analogy, I say, we should have a right to demand that such a nation build good roads. Much more have we the right to demand it from the practical standpoint. The great difference between the semi-barbarism of the Middle Ages and the civilization which succeeded it was the difference between poor and good means of communication. And we to whom space is less of an obstacle than ever it was in the history of any other nation, we who have spanned a continent, who have thrust our border westward in the course of a century and a quarter until it has gone from the Atlantic to the Alleghenies, from the Alleghenies down into the valley of the Mississippi, across the great plains, over the Rockies to where the Golden Gate lets through the long heaving waters of the Pacific, and finally to Alaska, to the Arctic regions, to the tropic islands of the sea—we who take so little account of mere space must see to it that the best means of nullifying the existence of space are at our command.

Of course, during the last century there has been an altogether phenomenal growth of one kind of road wholly unknown to the people of an earlier period—the iron road. The railroad is, of course, something purely modern. A great many excellent people have proceeded upon the assumption that somehow or other having good railways should be a substitute for having good highways, good ordinary roads. A more untenable position cannot be imagined. What the railway does is to develop the country; and, of course, its development implies that the developed country will need more and better roads.

A few years ago it was a matter of humiliation that there should be so little attention paid to our roads; that there should be a willingness not merely to refrain from making good roads, but to let the roads that were in existence become worse. I cannot too heartily congratulate our people upon the existence of a body

such as this, ramifying into every section of the country, having its connections in every State of the country, and bent upon that eminently proper work of making the conditions of life easier and better for the people whom of all others we can least afford to see grow discontented with their lot in life—the people who live in the country districts. The extraordinary, the wholly unheard-of rate of our industrial development during the past seventy-five years, together with the good sides, has had some evil sides. It is a fine thing to see our cities built up, but not at the expense of the country districts. The healthy thing to see is the building up of both the country and the city go hand in hand. But we cannot expect the ablest, the most eager, the most ambitious young men to stay in the country, to stay on the farm, unless they have certain advantages. If the farm life is a life of isolation, a life in which it is a matter of great and real difficulty for one man to communicate with his neighbor, you can rest assured that there will be a tendency to leave it on the part of those very people whom we should most wish to see stay in it. It is a good thing to encourage in every way any tendency which will tend to check an unhealthy flow from the country to the city. There are several such tendencies in evidence at present. The growth of electricity as a means of transportation tends to a certain degree to exercise a centrifugal force to offset the centripetal force of steam. Exactly as steam and electricity have tended

to gather men in masses, so now electricity, as applied to the purposes which steam has so long claimed exclusively its own, tends again to scatter out the masses. The trolley lines that go out into the country are doing a great deal to render it more possible to live in the country and yet not to lose wholly the advantages of the town. The telephone is not to be minimized as an instrument with a tendency in the same direction; and rural free delivery is playing its part along the same lines. But no one thing can do more to offset the tendency toward an unhealthy growth from the country into the city than the making and keeping of good roads. They are needed for the sake of their offset upon the industrial conditions of the country districts; and I am almost tempted to say they are needed for the sake of social conditions in the country districts. If winter means to the average farmer the existence of a long line of liquid morasses through which he is to move his goods if bent on business, or to wade and swim if bent on pleasure; if winter means that after an ordinary rain the farmer boy or girl cannot use his or her bicycle; if a little heavy weather means the stoppage of all communication not only with industrial centers but with the neighbors, you must expect that there will be a great many young people of both sexes who will not find farm life attractive. It is for this reason that I feel the work you are doing is so pre-eminently one in the interest of the nation as a whole, I congratulate you

upon the fact that you are doing it. In our American life it would be hard to overestimate the amount of good that has been accomplished by associations of individuals who have gathered together to work for a common object, which was to be of benefit to the community as a whole and among all the excellent objects for which men and women combine to work today, there are few indeed which have a better right to command the energies of those engaged in the movement, and the hearty sympathy and support of those outside, than this movement in which you are engaged.

*Theodore Roosevelt*

### Two Great Road Congresses

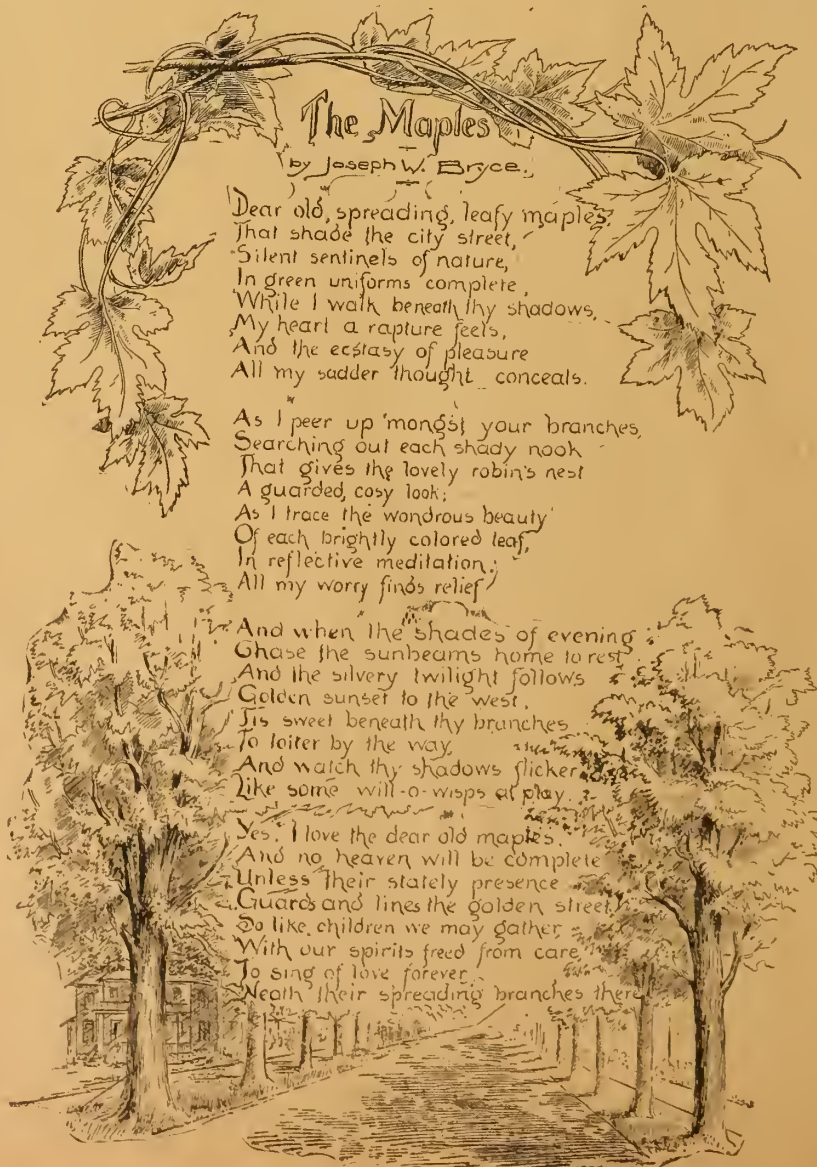
By Arthur C. Jackson  
Vice-President National Good Roads Association

I am greatly pleased to learn that the June issue of your valuable publication is to be a Good Roads number, and I am confident that its wide circulation will do much in promoting the Good Roads cause.

I wish also specially to commend you upon the splendid suggestion made by you in an editorial article in the April number of Vick's Magazine, entitled "A Good Roads Day." Indeed, I can truly say you have made a most happy suggestion and I most earnestly hope that it will be favorably acted upon by the people of every state and territory of the Union. The permanent good constantly accruing to the great and worthy cause of better highways by the general observance of Good Roads Day in the public schools of our country cannot be overestimated.

Permit me to call the attention of your many thousands of readers to the two great Good Roads Congresses to be held this summer, one at Chicago, June 15, the day before the opening of the National Republican Convention, and the other at Deuver, July 6, the day preceding the opening of the National Democratic convention. By this arrangement a very large attendance is assured and one more thoroughly representative than ever before in the history of

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### The Maples

by Joseph W. Bryce

Dear old, spreading, leafy maples,  
That shade the city street,  
Silent sentinels of nature,  
In green uniforms complete,  
While I walk beneath thy shadows,  
My heart a rapture feels,  
And the ecstasy of pleasure  
All my sadder thought conceals.

As I peer up 'mongst your branches,  
Searching out each shady nook  
That gives the lovely robin's nest  
A guarded, cosy look;  
As I trace the wondrous beauty  
Of each brightly colored leaf,  
In reflective meditation;  
All my worry finds relief.

And when the shades of evening  
Chase the sunbeams home to rest,  
And the silvery twilight follows  
Golden sunset to the west,  
Sit sweet beneath thy branches  
To loiter by the way,  
And watch thy shadows flicker  
Like some will-o'-wisp's at play.  
Yes, I love the dear old maples,  
And no heaven will be complete  
Unless their stately presence  
Guard and line the golden street,  
So like children we may gather  
With our spirits freed from care,  
To sing of love forever  
Neath their spreading branches there.





## The Office of Public Roads—Its History and Work

By RAY CRANDALL  
Expert in the Office of Public Roads



**T**HE first definite legislative effort by either branch of the National Congress to advance the Good Roads cause throughout the United States was the passage of a bill by the Senate in the year of 1892, providing for the creation of a National Highway Commission. This bill failed of passage in the House. The discussion and agitation aroused by the introduction and pushing of this measure resulted however, in the organization at Chicago, in October of the same year, of the National Good Roads League, of which Hon. Chas. F. Manderson, of Nebraska, was chosen president. Among those named by him as members of the executive committee were:

Philip D. Armour, who paid the largest individual freight bills of any American; Alexander J. Cassatt, who, as President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, headed the largest transportation company on the continent; Clem Studebaker, largest wagon manufacturer in the world; Col. Albert A. Pope, then the largest American bicycle manufacturer; W. Seward Webb, head of the Wagner Sleeping Car Company; Leland Stanford, railroad and mining king; and Judge E. H. Thayer, Samuel W. Allerton, Chauncey B. Ripley, and Charles L. Burdett.

These distinguished men in the world of business devoted both time, energy, and money to the inauguration of a nation-wide movement in the interest of Good Roads. Through the well directed activity of the League a mammoth petition was presented to Congress asking for the establishment of a Good Roads Department similar to the Agricultural Department. This petition was distinguished not only for its enormous size, but also for the noted names appended thereto. Among these was that of Wm. McKinley, then governor of Ohio; many other State executives, officials of Boards of Trade of Los Angeles, Seattle, Milwaukee, Jacksonville, Boston, and other cities, and of college and university presidents of many states. In response thereto Congress promptly made an appropriation of \$10,000 and provided for the creation of an office of Road Inquiry, and the new law was approved by President Harrison, March 3, 1893, the day preceding his retirement from the presidential office. It is doubtful if he signed on that day any other enactment that meant so much for the future welfare of his country as did this one.

This law remained in effect, practically without change, until 1897, when the appropriation was reduced to \$8,000 per year, and a provision was added providing for the investigation of road making materials. In 1899 the name of the office was changed from "Road Inquiry" to "Public Road Inquiry."

With the dawning of the new century came a public awakening to the growing importance of this movement. The Agricultural bill for 1901 carried with it an appropriation for \$14,000 for road inquiry, and provided beside for conducting experiments in Washington and elsewhere, of collating, digesting, reporting, and illustrating the results of the experiments made. The following year, the efficiency of the office was increased by an appropriation of \$20,000 and it was empowered to investigate the chemical and physical character of road materials. Since that time, the language of the annual appropriation bills has remained practically unchanged, except that the name of the office was changed from "Public Road Inquiry" to the "Office of Public Roads," and a statutory organization was provided in the Agricultural bill, approved March 3, 1905, since which time the administration of the office has been thoroughly systemized.

Since the first law on this subject was passed in 1893, \$386,050 have been appropriated. The increase of popular interest since 1900 has been shown by the steadily increasing appropriations made by Congress for this purpose, as follows: 1900, \$14,000; 1901, \$20,000; 1902, \$30,000; 1903, \$35,000; 1904, \$35,000; 1905, \$50,000; 1906, \$70,000; 1907, \$70,050.

Since its creation fifteen years ago this office has issued 32 bulletins, 88 circulars, 5 farmers' bulletins, 19 Yearbook reprints, and 14 annual reports, or 158 publications of all

classes. It has, as well, directed the construction of 145 object-lesson roads in 34 States, the laying of these stretches scientifically illustrating the uses of macadam, brick, gravel, sand-clay, shell, and earth. It has in addition directed the laying of many additional miles of road of a purely experimental nature. Not less than half a million dollars was spent by local authorities on the stretches of highway put down under the direction of engineers from the Office of Public Roads, while the subsequent road work done as a direct outcome of the object-lesson illustrations mounted high into the millions. Besides thus illustrating the most scientific, skillful, and economical methods of putting down modern roads, the Office has made road lectures and personal advice to highway builders a prominent part of the work.

It is as great a problem to ascertain of what to build roads as how to build them, and in determining that, the Office has been active since the installation of its road material laboratory in December, 1900. Between December, 1900, and February 20, 1908, 2,478 samples of road materials were received, from practically every State in the Union, and scientifically tested to determine their relative value for road building.

In many sections of the country hard material is lacking and clay or gumbo is plentiful. The office of Public Roads conducted an extended series of experiments, and by burning this gumbo clay, brought forth a material which it is believed will practically solve the road problem in large areas of the country. There have also been experiments with various oils, tars, rock asphalt, and various other preparations, in the constant search for a road material that will give the world dust-proof highways, as well as preserve the macadam roads from the destruction threatened by modern traffic conditions. At the present time, the Office is arranging to conduct investigations to determine the feasibility of the sand-clay method of road building in the prairie States, the utilization of blast furnace slag as a road material, the construction of natural soil roads by blending that material with oils possessing asphaltic bases, and the betterment of sand roads in those sections of the country where clay is scarce.

Practical far-reaching efforts have been made towards bringing about a more general use of the split-log drag, and because of the adoption of that cheap and simple device, the condition of earth roads show an improvement each year over the preceding twelve months.

In February of the present year, the Office of Public Roads entered into a cooperative arrangement with the Geological Survey, whereby road materials found in the various States of the Union may be investigated, and in the laboratory of this Office physical tests

are being made to determine the value of these materials for road building purposes, the results of which will be published as joint bulletins.

Intricate and interesting experiments are constantly being carried on, and some very important results have been obtained. In this investigation of the decomposition of rock powders under the action of water, important discoveries relating to the increase of the cementing values of road materials have been made, and the investigation of the corrosion of iron and steel culverts has brought out important results. It has been definitely ascertained that the generally accepted theories regarding the rusting of iron are incorrect and that a strong oxidizing agent on the surface of the metal will inhibit rust.

One of the most effective of the methods adopted by this Office for the continued road improvement of the country lies in the constant training of young engineers in the science of road construction. Graduates from engineering courses in colleges are appointed each year after a competitive examination, and while rendering practical service to the Government, are given a most thorough training. In this way a corps of efficient highway engineers is constantly being built up and road development is aided. This branch was begun in the fiscal year 1905, and the increasing demand for better roads in various sections is evidence that the work of these young engineers is uplifting.

It was in May, 1907, that the Director of this Office decided on a comprehensive plan to introduce throughout the country the best systems of construction, maintenance, and administration of roads, and since then skilled engineers have been traversing the country, making thorough investigations of all phases of road work in counties to which they have been assigned, and preparing exhaustive reports with plans, estimates and specifications for the best practicable road system.

On July 1, 1893, the Office had one employee; on July 1, 1907, it had 56. It may interest the friends of the good roads movement to know that the appropriation is but \$70,050, and of that \$2,000 is paid for rent; the balance of \$68,050 paying all salaries, travelling, expenses, equipment, supplies and running expenses.

During the past three years the most thorough and systematic plans of organization have been perfected and the administration of the Office is machine-like in its methods. Every employee is given specific duties to perform, a careful system of reports and records is kept of all work done, and all expenditures made on every project, and the most approved system of filing is in use. With great care a library has been formed, and today it unquestionably embraces the most complete collection of periodicals, manuscripts, books, and pamphlets on road work to be found on this continent. It is being added to and made more valuable daily, for 39 periodicals are received regularly, 15 of them being donated by friends of the highways.

During recent years the policy of this Office has been to cooperate with the officials in charge of road work in the various States as closely as possible, and to bring about such voluntary co-operation that road improvement will become more and more a great movement along uniform lines. To do that and to keep the States posted as to progress made and methods employed by others, it was necessary first to learn what roads the country possessed. In the early part of 1905 the task of learning the mileage of improved and unimproved roads, the character of improvement, amounts expended, rates of levy and sources of county revenue was taken up. In June, 1907, the work was completed and the findings published in bulletin form. That publication proves that there were over 2,100,000 miles of road in the United States and that of that vast stretch only about 7.14 per cent were improved in 1904. For that year the amount expended in money and labor was about \$80,000,000. For the present year the expenditures will be much larger, as a number of States are ready to give aid to their county governments in road extension work, and under such competent supervision and plans as to secure the best results.





## AN UNSTRAGETIC AUTO TRIP

BY MRS. SARA C. POTTS

**W**HEN nephew Harry came home and said that he had invited young Frank Kenny to go with us on the automobile trip to Pittsburg, Jane—that's his wife, you know—was just as provoked as she could be.

"Henry Perkins, you must be crazy," she said. "After all I've been doing to keep Sophy and Frank apart! And only yesterday you promised to help me break off this affair between them. You said yourself that it would never do in the world, that as pretty and attractive a girl as Sophy ought to make a better match than to marry an impractical artist like Frank Kenny. And now what do you do but throw them right together!"

"My dear girl," said Harry, "if you will just trust to me you'll find out that I know what I'm doing." And for all the questions we asked, that's all we could get out of him.

"Too many cooks, you know," he kept saying, and went on reading his paper. Presently he turned to me and said:

"I don't believe you'd better go on this trip. Aunt Lizzie. The roads are bad, you know, between Cleveland and Pittsburg, and there may be discomforts, and—and I really don't think you had better go."

But I wouldn't hear of staying at home. I wasn't going back to Topham without having a good long automobile trip to tell the folks about. I just would go, so Harry gave up arguing with me and the next day we started, Harry and Jane, Frank Kenny, a tall, dark, good looking young fellow, Jane's sister Sophy, and myself.

Jane sat in front with Harry and I sat in the back seat between Sophy and Frank. He suggested that I should sit on one side so I could see the scenery better, but I told him that with his artistic tastes I thought 'twas only right he should have the best view. He and Sophy kept looking at each other, but didn't talk much, so I did my best to amuse them all, telling stories about Harry Perkins when he was a baby. I'm afraid Harry hasn't got much sense of humor.

Well, we reached Pittsburg safe and sound and had a very pleasant two days' visit with Jane's cousin, but when we started back to Cleveland one thing after another seemed to go wrong. We stopped in nearly every town we went through for some sort of repairs, or for Jane to buy chocolates, and lots of times on the road Harry got out and fussed with things and had Frank Kenny helping him. Frank didn't know a thing about machinery, but he was very obliging about crawling in and out under the auto and dipping his hands in the oil tank and giving opinions. We didn't seem to get along very fast and Harry thought we'd better not stop any place for supper but push right on towards home. After a while it got dark and, when Harry was fussing with the gas tank, out went the lights, leaving us nothing but two poor little kerosene lamps that hardly let you see two feet in front of the automobile. We all exclaimed and wondered what we'd do, and Harry said he'd do his best to get us home, though he didn't know whether he could keep to the right road.

So we went on and on and didn't seem to get anywhere. At first Harry was cheerful enough, and then he seemed to become decidedly nervous. He fussed some more with the gas tank, with no success, and then he began to run that machine up hill and down dale at such a pace that I was scared to death, and we were bounced around till Frank Kenny said that before long we'd look like an impressionistic water color. I don't know what he meant, I'm sure. Twice we left the road and got into cornfields, and I said if we kept on we'd go off a bridge and furnish the text of a sensational newspaper write up.

Jane flared up at that and said, "Why, Aunt Lizzie, Harry is one of the best auto drivers in Ohio. Of course he wouldn't run us off a bridge!"

I said I couldn't see much difference as far as good driving went between running off a bridge and running into a cornfield, but Jane was in a fit of courtesies and wouldn't listen to reason.

Well, on we went, trying this road and that, until we came within a hair's breadth of dashing down a steep bank. That scared even Harry, and he stopped the machine so he and Frank Kenny could puzzle over the road map under one of the poor little kerosene lamps. I climbed out and sat on a stump, and my land, but solid earth did feel good! The rocking and bouncing that I'd had seemed to have gone right through me, and I felt as if I'd never get over the idea that I was riding in an automobile. The thought of our home town, where you never see an auto, came to my mind, and the longing to be sitting on my own front stoop looking across the street at Deacon Enderby's hollyhocks became so strong that I thought I'd have to scream right out.

"Henry Perkins," I called, "you'll just have to go slower. It's a wonder we're not all dead now, tearing along like that in the dark. I'm going to sit right here till you promise—"

But first thing I knew I was in the automobile, and away we went, rocking and bouncing more than ever. I felt disposed to die right then and there, till I re-



Our Beautiful Big Automobile Disappearing Up the Road

membered that in my will I'd left nephew Harry (he being my dead sister Libbie's only child) my black hair cloth parlor set and the family Bible, and I made up my mind that I'd live to change that will if I never did another blessed thing.

About eleven o'clock Harry slowed up and said that we were lost, and there was nothing to do but camp out for the night. We were mighty hungry and, after eating some bannanas we happened to have with us and some of Jane's everlasting chocolates, we tried to settle down, Harry and Frank in the front and Jane and Sophy and myself in the back. They'd put up the cover of the automobile to keep the damp off, but my soul and body! I never felt so uncomfortable in my life.

The day had been warm enough, but the night was chilly and damp and dark—just pitch black—the kind of night you expect something to reach out suddenly and grab you.

After we'd been settled down a few minutes a horse galloping round in a field somewhere near us laughed. Yes, laughed right out loud, three times. Of course that started Jane and Sophy giggling, and they had to upset everything looking for a box of peppermints. It was my turn to get cross and I improved the opportunity to the limit. I proceeded to make a few remarks that quieted them, and presently they all went to sleep.

I listened to the crickets and the frogs, and once in a while I could hear a boat whistle, way far out on Lake Erie. The loneliness of that sound just chilled my very spine, and I promised myself that if I ever got safe home I'd never get into another automobile again so long as I lived. I had a lot of time for thinking and somehow I couldn't keep the smell of Mrs. Deacon Enderby's hot doughnuts away from me.

By and by the pitch black turned slowly to gray and as the gray grew lighter I could see a house a little distance up the road. All the young people were asleep, so I didn't say anything, and I guess I closed my own eyes and went to sleep for a few minutes, for I started up to see two men staring right in at us. I gave a screech, and everyone woke up.

The two men spoke up very civilly and gentlemanly, and asked if we'd had a breakdown. Harry explained, and they said to come right to the house up the road; that some of their folks lived there and we could get a good hot breakfast. We felt like we'd give our soul's salvation for a cup of hot coffee, and Jane, who'd certainly been pretty cross the night before, began to smile and call Sophy and me "dearie" and "darling" and offer us the loan of her red jacket and her tan ulster and dear knows what all. Even Frank Kenny stopped admiring the dew on the grass for a minute to hope we could get some fried ham and eggs. So we went to the house, the two strange men standing on the steps of the automobile.

"Go right up to the front door," they said, "while we go to the kitchen to tell the folks."

We marched up on the front stoop and waited for the door to open, but not a soul came. Then we heard a noise—and all ran down the path just in time to see our beautiful big red automobile disappearing up the road with the two men in it!

Nephew Harry turned perfectly white and said—but there, being a church member in good standing, I really couldn't repeat it.

Sophy's mouth went down at the corners and Jane cried outright, and I must say I felt mighty like it myself. We stood there knee deep in the wet grass, staring first at each other and then up the road.

After a while Frank Kenny suggested that maybe we could get some breakfast anyway, and we went to the kitchen door, but it was locked; everything was locked, and no sign of life anywhere. I don't know where the horse belonged, the one we'd heard the night before.

Never did I see anyone so depressed as Harry. There he sat, the one who always wants to boss and maugae, saying never a word, and Frank Kenny, the impractical artist, stepping right to the fore and taking charge of everybody.

"We'll have to walk," he said. "If we go the way those men went we'll have to get somewhere some time."

Well, we started and did pretty well for a mile or so, till Jane began to whimper that her shoes hurt her. She and Sophy had little bits of feet and wore high heeled slippers with big buckles, real pretty to look at, but not much use for walking on a rough country road. I wear good stout number seven Congress gaiters myself. In a few minutes Jane stumbled in a mud hole and lost her last piece of sweet chocolate,—naturally more tears were shed.

Sophy looked pale, but didn't complain a mite, and just smiled very happily when Frank said, "Take my arm, dearest." I expected Harry and Jane to look daggers at the "dearest," but they didn't seem to notice it. Harry was as sour as vinegar and Jane fretting and carrying on more every minute.

Sophy and Frank kept whispering to each other and I walked alone, holding my skirts well up and saying nothing. Every once in a while we'd stop to rest, and towards noon we came to a house. It wasn't anything very fine, come to think of it, but it looked as grand to us as a marble palace. We had a good square meal—and a look in the mirror.

My gray hair was straggling round my ears and my bonnet was down over one eye, while Jane looked even worse, for besides being mussed up her face was covered with tear stains. Sophy didn't look like her trim little self, but she appeared to much better advantage than any one else.

Frank arranged for a team to drive to the nearest town, Harry being still too down in the mouth to take much notice. When we reached the town we found the bank there had been robbed the night before and folks think it was the robbers who got away so neatly with the automobile. Harry telegraphed all over and offered rewards, but I don't believe he'll ever see his machine again. On that momentous day, however, we were sitting all alone in the station, waiting for the train for Cleveland, when suddenly Frank said, "Quite an eventful wedding trip."

"What?" cried Jane.

Sophy pulled off her left glove, and sure enough, there on her finger was a bright new wedding ring. She was blushing and looking pretty as a pink, and Frank gazing at her with such a smile that I declare I don't wonder she lost her heart to him. Of course you can't live on smiles—but I guess they'll not have to try.

Finally, after opening his mouth two or three times and no sounds coming, Harry managed to say, "Wheu?"

"Yesterday in Pittsburg, just before we started for home," answered Frank. "And you needn't worry about Sophy, Perkins. I can take care of her."

Then we all congratulated them and Jane and Sophy cried and kissed each other.

The next evening, after they had started on a real wedding trip, and Jane, Harry, and I were alone at home, Jane turned to Harry and said very coldly, "Well, now that Sophy and Frank are safely married, will you kindly explain to us your grand scheme for breaking off the match? I couldn't see any method in your madness from the first, and I'm not any more enlightened now."

Harry was dreadfully dispirited and just grunted and poked the fire. After a while, though, we got this out of him:

He said that Sophy and Frank had only seen the best side of each other, that they had always had everything their own way, no hardships or inconveniences of any kind, and he thought that to pretend to be lost and sit up all night in the automobile, tired and hungry, would make them cross as all get out, and that they'd see the worst side of each other, etc., and the whole affair would crumble.

So he lost time pretending to make repairs, and then pretended again that the gas tank was empty, and first thing he knew he was really lost. When he tried to light the gas lamps he found he'd been careless and that all the gas had leaked out. So there we were, and everything else happened as I've told you.

Jane just stared. "Well, Henry Perkins!" she said. "If that wasn't the craziest plan I ever heard in my life. Of all—well, if you'd just consulted me—"

"I did," broke in Harry. "I said I'd go to Frank and tell him he couldn't marry Sophy, and you said no, that we must use strategy. I planned it all to please you, Jane. It's pretty hard on a fellow—" and he sat poking the fire and looking just like some little boy who'd dropped his bread jam side down on the carpet.

Suddenly Jane threw herself back in her chair and laughed and laughed. "Oh," she gasped, "Sophy and Frank were perfect bricks; never a murmur or complaint from them—and I was the one who fussed—and they took the trip as a good chance to be married—and you lost your automobile—"

Then she ran over to Harry and put her arms around his neck. "Never mind, honey," she said, "You did your best. Perhaps Brother Frank will buy you a new auto when he gets rich and famous."



# Good Roads in Relation to the School, Church and Home

By Hon. L. W. Page

**A** PERSON rarely ever takes to any proposition until he is convinced of its merits or that it will have a beneficial effect on his interests or general welfare. This is true in almost every line of business and in every phase of life, and it is especially true when the proposition involves the expenditure of money or labor. The improvement of our public roads requires the expenditure of both money and labor. It is plain, therefore, that those from whom the money and labor for improving our roads must come, must first be convinced that it will inure to their financial interests and general welfare.

The advantages of good roads extend to every citizen, whether he live in city or country; and to every enterprise, whether it be agricultural, manufacturing, or mining. All are more or less dependent on the common highways as an avenue of commercial transportation, and in proportion as these highways are improved so as to facilitate transportation are they benefited thereby. These benefits can be, and have been carefully computed and estimated in dollars and cents, and so enormous have they been thus demonstrated to be that they present a convincing argument to any thinking man of the importance and necessity for road improvement.

But there are other elements of advantage which more urgently recommend the improvement of our roads—advantages which deserve far more serious consideration than any financial advantages which may be gained, and which cannot be measured according to any monetary system, but must be looked for in the elevation of our citizenship and the moral and intellectual advancement of our people.

Most of our cities and towns have fairly good streets and driveways, which facilitate business and recreation. The people live close together and social and friendly intercourse is easy. The schools and churches are within easy reach of all. So our urban population has ample facilities for business, for recreation, for social intercourse, and for attendance upon church and school.

It is different, however, with two-thirds of our people who are engaged in agricultural pursuits and live away from the centers of business and population. They have not the paved streets and good roads of the cities and towns. They live apart from each other and have not such roads as afford easy and convenient means of transacting business, of social intercourse, and of regular attendance upon church and school. To them will flow the maximum of benefits from improved roads. Improved roads will bring them in closer touch with the centers of progress. It will give them enlarged ideas and assist them to adopt the new methods which are so necessary for them to keep pace with the march of progress along all other lines, and as they advance so will our civilization. As they advance so will our entire country, and in equal ratio.

Good roads would revolutionize our country schools. Contrast the lot of the country child on his way to school in winter with that of the city child with only a few blocks of paved streets to walk. Our country child, with satchel over shoulders and lunch basket in hands, must leave the cheerful fireside of home from half an hour to an hour before school opens in order to be there on time. The roads are wet, muddy, or snow-filled during nearly all of the long, cold winter months. The country is open and the cold winds are unmerciful in their attacks upon him. So that, by the time he reaches the school house, which is often unscientifically ventilated and poorly heated, his feet are so cold and his body so chilled that he is unfit for study or recitation most of the day, and the exposure and chilling of the body invite pneumonia and other diseases.

These conditions cause broken and irregular attendance. They create an aversion in the child for the schoolroom, instead of a pride in punctual attendance and studious advancement. Not only this, but a mother hates to see her children trot off to school two or three miles away in cold bad weather. She fears that the injurious effects upon the body from the exposure will do greater harm than the beneficial effects upon the mind will do good. She realizes that a vigorous mind can only dwell in a healthy body, and that it would be a misdirected exercise of maternal care to force her children to school under conditions of exposure which endanger their bodily health.

Improved roads would be a great factor in reducing the percentage of illiteracy which exists throughout the country. Our present illiteracy cannot be reduced to any appreciable extent except by marshalling all of the children, both city and country, into the schoolrooms. This can only be accomplished by a system of compulsory education. Some of our States have already passed compulsory education laws, and in many other States the sentiment in favor of such laws is so

pronounced as to indicate their early enactment. These laws prove a blessing when wisely framed and properly administered. There are no obstacles to their efficient administration in our cities. Everybody is in close proximity to the school houses and can easily reach them with but little exposure in the worst weather. But in the rural districts, the opposite is true. If all of the roads were in good condition, so as to remain high and dry, it would be possible successfully to enforce such a law even in the rural districts,

but with the present condition of most of the roads, it is impracticable. And the States, in their efforts to thus bestow a blessing upon their children, would be attempting an unkind benefaction for which they would pay by a resultant loss in the physique and mental vigor of our future citizens.

In addition, improved roads would make possible some system of central schools, which would insure better schools at less cost. Some scheme could be devised for carrying the children to and from school, which would be quite impossible over our present bad roads and with the small and badly located schools in most communities. It would be possible under such a system for one school centrally located to receive all of the children within a radius of from four to five miles.

This would make it possible to establish graded schools in all of the rural districts. Large and commodious buildings could be provided, more competent teachers could be employed, and all the modern facilities for teaching supplied at a minimum cost. This would reduce the tax levy upon the patrons, provide a better school for the children, and elevate the moral and social tone of the community.

This is being done now in some of our States that have improved their roads. Indiana and Ohio have each improved about one-third of their roads, and in these States the schools are being consolidated. The small schoolhouse of one room is being replaced by a central schoolhouse of half a dozen rooms and as many teachers. Wagons are sent out every morning to gather the children up and take them to school and to take them home every evening. All the children within a radius of several miles are thus taken to one school. It is found to cost less proportionately to build and equip one large central schoolhouse than it does to build and equip several smaller ones. Libraries and reading rooms are provided for these schools, lecture courses are easily arranged, and the children being brought together in such large numbers, are properly graded, class spirit is engendered, and greater pride and love for the schoolroom fostered.

Church attendance would also be stimulated by road improvement. When one has a nice smooth road to travel over, he doesn't mind driving three or four

miles to church. Small congregations would thus be augmented. The people would become interested in and take a pride in their churches. Larger and more comfortable churches would be built, and both children and grown people would attend church more regularly than they now do with our bad roads and distant and uncomfortable churches; for church going is not only beneficial from the religious stimulus thus afforded, but there is also an attractive social feature connected therewith which is a benefit and a blessing to the people.

The schools and churches of a community are its greatest moral and educational forces. Next to them, perhaps, stands Rural Mail Delivery, which brings the people of the rural districts in daily touch with the cities and business world. It places in their hands the daily papers, magazines, and all of the current literature of the country, so that they may be as well informed as to what is transpiring in the political, literary, and commercial world as their brothers in the city. The beneficial effects of this service upon the happiness and home comforts of our rural population is immeasurable, and nothing contributes to its efficiency and regularity more than improved roads.

The importance of improving our roads is so great that it demands the most serious consideration of every one. It should command our immediate and persistent efforts. Both old and young, and women as well as men, have an interest in it, and all should be educated to a realization of its importance and bearing on their welfare; the old that they may begin the work of improvement, and the young that they will be prepared and willing to take up the work begun and carry it forward to a high degree of perfection.

To this end it would be a wise policy to include in our school courses, both high school and college, male and female, a course in road construction and maintenance. Such a course would give our boys and girls rudimentary training as to the importance and advantages of improved roads. It would instill in them a desire and an ambition to have them, and a sufficient knowledge of the subject to enable them to cooperate intelligently with the men in charge of road work. It will teach them that by the exercise of a little knowledge and the judicious expenditure of a little money and labor, much of the hardships of farm life may be softened and its isolation dispelled, and that the same pleasure and comfort may be extracted from life in the country as may be derived from city life.

If our rural population can be brought to a realization of this, the prevailing tendency to flock from the farm to the city will cease. They will immediately begin to agitate the question of improved roads and to build them. As the roads are improved, the rural districts will become more attractive, the farmers will continue to farm and to do so more intelligently; the congested population of the cities will begin to flow from their alleys to the healthy atmosphere of the farm, and become producers instead of idle consumers, and our country will march forward to greater industrial attainments and a higher and nobler civilization.

## National Reward for Roads

By Hon. H. S. Earle

**G**OVERNMENT by all for all. All share in the expense of maintaining a government, and that government which gives to all the most benefits, with the cost most equitably divided, is the best government.

The blessings of government I appreciate most are,—

First, the privilege to worship the God in whom I believe in the way that I believe I should, a way which gives me the most comfort here and which, I am satisfied, will insure that my soul will live in peace and happiness hereafter.

Second, the advantages of education, that I may enjoy life more fully, that I may learn to love and appreciate my fellow man and at least one fellow woman.

Third, a postal service which makes it possible for me to communicate with my kin and friends no matter in what nook or corner of this earth they may happen to be.

Fourth, the roads and streets, the railroads and boat lines that make it possible for me to visit my friends, and for them to come to me, for me to ship my manufactures anywhere in the world

and to have shipped to me what I need and want.

Now, the better the service the better the government. The privileges of our government, so far as religion are concerned, are equal to those of any nation on earth, and superior to the most. Our educational advantages are far ahead of any other country. Our postal service is fair, but not equal to that of a few nations. However, we are taking steps every way to improve it, and have made wondrous progress in the past ten years.

Our methods of transportation, as to the railroads and water craft, are the best in the world. They ought to be; we've done enough to make them good. First we built them and then gave them away and paid the takers large sums of money every year to keep them. Our boat lines in the interior are also superior to those of any other nation; our coastwise lines are equal to any, and our international are going to be all right, for sooner or later they will certainly be subsidized, which means, that whatever it costs to put these lines into first class shape, will be paid by the taxpayers of the United States.



By Hon. H. S. Earle

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# THE PINK BROCADE—A COLONIAL TALE

BY EMMA F. BUSH

**D**ELIVERANCE AINSWORTH, thou naughty child, thrice have I spoken to thee to control thy wandering eyes. Take now thy Primer and learn three pages of thy catechism as a punishment."

So spake Mistress Dilloway, of the Portsmouth Dame School, and Deliverance Ainsworth roused herself with a sigh, and turned over the pages of her New England Primer dolefully.

"Truly do I pay full penance for my naughtiness," she murmured to herself. "Full well do I wot I shall also be well punished at home; for school will be over long before I can complete my task."

With another sigh she applied herself to her Primer, but ere her task was finished the daily session had long been over, and the short November dusk was closing in around her, when, having recited the lesson to Mistress Dilloway, she was at last free to hurry home. It was already dark when she reached the little cottage where she lived with Mistress Ainsworth, her father's maiden sister, and the candles were lighted in the best room, never used except for grand company.

"Who can be there?" she murmured. "Surely Parson Langley has not come to tea. If so, mayhap my punishment may have been for my own good. If I do but recite to him the pages of my catechism I have just learned, maybe Mistress Ainsworth may forget to inquire into my naughtiness, and I may escape second punishment."

"Ah! and so thou hast come at last, thou naughty baggage," said the sharp voice of Mistress Ainsworth, as Deliverance paused at the door of the best room. "Truly thou dost grow more and more reprobate every day."

"And here be thy grand-uncle Judge Dillingham, and thy cousin Dorothy, who have stopped on their way home to Boston Town to see thee. A fit report will they take home of thee to thy fine relations."

Deliverance's lips quivered, but she threw up her head bravely, and smoothing her homespun dress, made a low courtesy to the stately, white-haired gentleman, and the pretty, rosy-cheeked young lady, whose dark curls fell around her face as she smiled at Deliverance and drew her to her side.

"Art thou not ashamed to have them see thee," continued her aunt. "Well shalt thou pay for thy naughtiness and this disgrace. Three chapters of the Bible shalt thou learn this night, and supperless shalt thou go to bed. Yea, and double shall be thy sewing stint to-morrow."

"Nay, nay, good Cousin Ainsworth," cried Dorothy gaily. "I cry you mercy for the little maid. I do not believe she hath been naughty enough to deserve such punishment."

"What did you do, my birdling, that the good Mistress of the Dame School kept you so long?"

"Alas, I have deserved her reproach," answered Deliverance gravely, "for I let mine eyes wander from my tasks to watch the flowers nodding in the meadow,

and the birds building their nests in the trees; and in my sinful soul I wished to be arrayed as they, instead of in this dingy homespun, which it is more seemly I should wear."

Dorothy Dillingham drew the childish form closer in loving sympathy, and Mistress Ainsworth seeing the action, set her thin lips more firmly as she said:

"Truly dost thou deserve punishment for such sinful thoughts. I have a mind to add still more to thy punishment, but not one bit will I abate it; and three of the longest chapters in the Bible will I pick out for thee to learn."

"Nay, nay, good Cousin Ainsworth," answered Judge Dillingham. "I have a word to say in this matter. I have but waited the coming of the little maid to give you this letter from her father, Roger Ainsworth. Word hath reached him in England of the treatment the child receives at thy hands. It hath not pleased him to hear of heavy household labor performed at an age when the hardest task should be the culling of flowers, the setting of stitches in her sampler, or, perchance, a little practice at the harpsichord. Nor hath he been pleased to hear that the child goes clad in coarse, plain homespun, when he hath provided most generously for her maintenance."

Mistress Ainsworth's lips closed more firmly, as she replied:—

"There be ever gossips ready to carry ill tales, and Roger Ainsworth was always one to give too much credence to idle rumors."

"There have been no idle tales," answered Judge Dillingham gravely. "They who have spoken to her father have been no idle gossips, but men of high standing in Portsmouth. In truth, from what I have myself seen, I think they spoke well in the matter. I believe you are over severe with the little maid, good Mistress Ainsworth. Her father in this letter commands you give the child into our charge, to live with us in Boston Town until he come from over the seas again. I had thought to leave her with you over the night, but think from what I have observed here, it will be better to take her with us now."

"As you will," replied Mistress Ainsworth, tartly. "This is ever the gratitude shown to one who does her duty. I will see Roger Ainsworth myself on his return. He was ever soft-hearted and a weakling."

"That matter you must settle with Roger Ainsworth himself," answered the Judge. "For the present we will not discuss the matter, but in obedience to her father's commands we will take the child away with us at once, if she be ready to go."

Ready! Deliverance could hardly believe she heard aright. To go with this grand gentleman who looked at her so kindly, and this dear cousin, who held her in such a warm, loving clasp. That alone seemed like a glimpse of heaven to the little maid, starved for love and affection, without the prospect of leaving behind forever those hateful household tasks so much beyond her strength.

Still clasping Dorothy's hand, she suffered herself to be led from the room as one in a dream, into the outer air to the Wentworth Mansion, where Judge Dillingham and his daughter were the honored guests.

Alone at last with this pretty new cousin, Deliverance's unnatural calm gave way, and she clung to Dorothy sobbing bitterly.

"There, there, birdling," said Dorothy, soothing her. "Never grieve so, my darling, at leaving such a hard home-nest. Come, if you cry any more I shall think you are sorry to be leaving Mistress Ainsworth and to come with us; and sorry should I be to think thus."

With an effort Deliverance stopped her convulsive sobbing, and raised her tear-stained face from Dorothy's shoulder to smile a watery little smile:—

"Nay, Cousin Dorothy," she said. "It would be unseemly I should allow you to have such thoughts. Truly, I do deem the Lord hath delivered me out of much tribulation, and perchance, after all I may be one of the elect He watches over, and to whom He grants His protection."

"You dear old-fashioned darling," cried Dorothy kissing her. "Now mind me, love. You are to put all such thoughts away from you. Truly, God is a loving Father, not the stern Judge Mistress Ainsworth hath taught you. Worry not your small head over such matters. All that will concern you for a long time to come will be to try to please your Uncle Dillingham, and your dear Aunt Tabitha, who waits our coming in Boston Town. In her you will find what you have sadly lacked, motherly love and tenderness. And now, sweet, see what your father hath sent you from over the seas, that you may not forget him while business keeps him in London."

She slowly unfolded the gift from its many wrappings, and there before Deliverance's wondering eyes, lay a dress the likeness of which she had never seen. Made of pale pink brocade, the threads of silver woven to form the pattern, caught the light from the candles, giving the dress a shimmer like moonlight upon a summer sea.

"What dost thou think of it?" asked Dorothy, as Deliverance stood before it, gazing with enraptured eyes."

"Truly, such loveliness cannot be for me," answered Deliverance at last. "Never saw I anything like 'it before. Even Mistress Wentworth goes not abroad in such finery; and where shall I find place to wear the same?"

"Why, in Boston Town," laughed Dorothy, "where many more fine clothes await your coming. Your father hath sent a chest full of such fabrics, and from them all I selected this to bring with us to-day. See, sweet, I will slip it on for you, and arrange your hair, which to me looks as if it could be coaxed to curl."

"Truly, that be Mistress Ainsworth's great thorn in the flesh," answered Deliverance, "and much time

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## A CHILD'S WINDOW-GARDEN

BY LOUISE PRIEST

A little window-garden, quickly contrived from odds and ends of greenery that were speedily available, to give interest to a little "shut in" boy of tender years furnished the practical suggestions for this paper. Skilled kindergarten and primary teachers will probably think of other and more attractive ways for continuing and brightening it.

The little boy had once been taken to a nursery where his mother selected some plants. He wandered out into the potting-shed while she made her purchases. The work of seed-sowing, potting, sprinkling, and stirring the soil seemed to fascinate him. He talked constantly of it and of planning a little outdoor garden all his own for the springtime.

A cigar box containing sand, in which egg shells represented pots, filled with rich earth for seeds to sprout in, was the first item. Propped up on the pillows he sowed and covered seeds the first day. No one else might even water them. The little plant sprinkler was such fun! The sturdier seeds had been selected, of course,—balsams, phloxes, radishes, etc. The next day some cuttings from Mamma's valentine rosebush were carefully manipulated, leaving just one leaf at the top and firmed down in the sand between the eggshells. We placed a pane of glass over the box also, by Rafe's directions, "to keep the dew in."

Odd and quick-growing plants were tried next, with varying success. A crumpled brown resurrection plant, that unrolled and spread out blithe green fronds soon after it was placed in water, was a wonder and

delight. The Japanese fern balls, in several fantastic shapes, did not "leaf out" as warranted. With the best of care a few straggling fronds were all the growth essayed.

"Let's improve upon them," said Rafe's mother. So she loosened up the surface of each one rather heroically and scattered cress seed into all the chinks. In a week or so crinkling green leaves covered them entirely. One of the balls was hung in the conservatory and Rafe enjoyed some of the crisp leaves as a salad for tea when he grew better.

A little friend sent our invalid a sprig of green and white house-leek for his window garden and Mamma wove it among the wires of the bird cage. The boy's eyes grew round with wonder to see it grow marvelously there, with no evident sustenance.

The hanging-basket idea seemed to especially interest the child and we devised various ones: A pine cone soaked in water, dusted thickly with fine grass seed, and suspended by a cord was soon a mist of green. A rough coconut shell from which a green and white wandering Jew grew lustily was another successful effort. The boy himself scooped out the center of a carrot and of a sweet potato in preparation for other baskets. Suspended by cords and their centers filled with water, both grew very well. The carrot was the prettiest, Rafe thought. Its leaves were as feathery as ferns and curved upward in a whorl of green about the white root. The potato was a red-skinned one, with silver-striped leaves. It was much

longer in growing, but finally made a quaint little affair that would have delighted a Chinaman. Some of its vines were trained up over the cords and others drooped.

Hyacinths and Chinese lilies grown in glasses and bowls of white pebbles were more diverting than those grown in plain earth. When the hyacinths faded we suspended a large water-oak acorn by a thread over one of the clear hyacinth glasses, freshly filled with water. By and by, the moisture absorbed split the shell. A sturdy little root reached downward into the water, while up through the neck of the glass slowly arose fuzzy, unfurling leaves of pink and green.

Our invalid was beginning to move languidly about his room when a neighbor brought in a robust plant of water hyacinth growing in a clear glass bowl. This was the prime favorite henceforth. It stood on the window-sill close to his chair, the patient subject of many proddings that the boy might see its feathery purple and white roots trail through the water, and the tiny round life-preservers at the base of each leaf go bobbing up and down. The plant endures investigation patiently so long as its roots are kept under water. Some months later when its spike of lilac-purple flowers appeared Rafe seemed to consider them superfluous.

Another contribution from a kind neighbor was a plate heaped with green moss and interspersed with crocus bulbs. A little water poured over the moss occasionally kept the moss green and the bulbs growing until their white, gold and purple flowers appeared.



# ROAD BUILDING MADE EASY

By D. WARD KING

[FOREWORD—Oftentimes the simplest devices are most potential in accomplishing great results for the common good. This is notably true in the matter of road construction and the now far-famed split-log drag, designed and freely given to the world by the celebrated Good Roads enthusiast and expert Mr. D. Ward King of Maitland, Mo. Mr. King has, without doubt, traveled more miles and addressed more people in the interests of Good Roads than any other man in America. Of late years no State Round-Up Farmers' Institute or Farmers' Convention is complete without an address by D. Ward King. The burden of his message everywhere is the utility of simpler, and everywhere to be found, and ready at hand tools and appliances—chief among which is the King Drag, which any farmer can build and use, and that, too, with marvelously good results to the roads. So great has been the demonstrated success of this simple device that a few years ago one of the greatest railroad corporations in the country, the Chicago & Northwestern Company, waged a well planned Good Roads campaign in the state of Iowa with the split-log drag and its inventor, Mr. D. Ward King, at the head of the column. Vick's Magazine takes pleasure in presenting to its readers the genial phiz of this King of the road; also a sketch showing what the King Drag looks like, and a short article by Mr. King on the Good Roads Problem.—EDITOR.]

**T**WO classes of men stand out in bold relief as the most prominent obstacles to the general movement for better roads. To one class belongs the man who insists that we can't afford stone or gravel. And perhaps he adds that, in his opinion, the dirt road is good enough anyhow. Very often he is a retired farmer. Sometimes he is a banker or a capitalist. Usually, whoever he may be, he is afraid improved roads will raise his taxes. He might just as well oppose improved schools, (instances are not lacking where he has done so) and argue that the old-time puncheon floors and slab desks are desirable in our present comparatively opulent circumstances.

But the writer has been insisting for years that wherever farming land is worth thirty dollars per acre and stone or gravel can be procured within three miles of the road, the community which fails to put a hard surface on it its main traveled highways is not living up to its opportunities. In sections where land is worth one hundred dollars an acre the writer is convinced that the people can afford to ship stone a hundred miles by rail. There is not space to argue these propositions at this moment; they are stated in order that there may be no chance of misconstruing the purpose of this article.

The other man who obstructs Good Roads progress is he who declares, usually with such vehemence that all peace-loving-hearers are struck dumb, that "there is no good road except a stone road." Such men create much noise in public places. "All roads must be of stone," they shout, "and the Good Roads Association will never be satisfied until every mile of road in the state is macadamized." The average elderly farmer who listens to the harangue goes home, takes out his lead pencil, sets down the number of miles of road in his township, multiplies them by three or by five thousand, perceives that the carrying out of such a program will bankrupt him, and, lo, an enemy of the Good Roads movement is born.

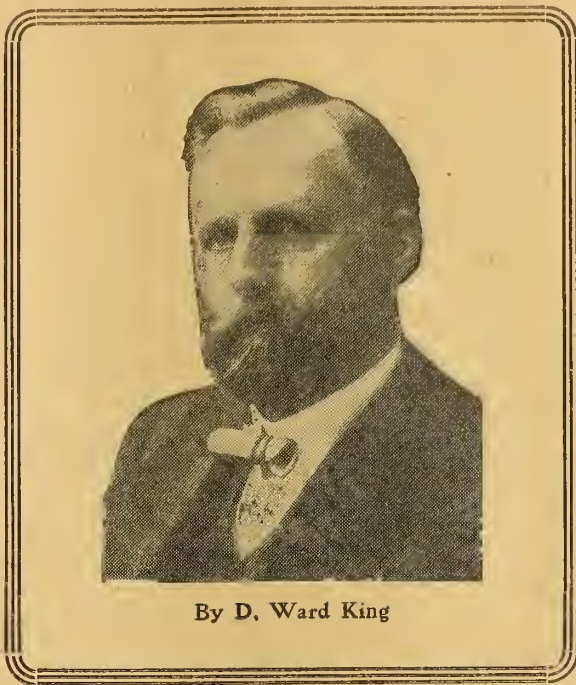
Our extremist friend has done harm. Moreover, he is not well informed or he would know we are not likely ever to put stone on all our roads. Probably the end of the next fifty years will find no single state with a stone surface on half its miles of highway.

Let us be reasonable. Can we not agree that when a certain stretch gives way under the traffic it is asked to carry it should be surfaced with a hard material of some sort. The material, the width of the portion to be covered, as well as the decision whether the improvement is actually needed or not, must be left to each community.

The only proper court of appeal is the brains of the people, and any successful appeal must be based upon reason. Dwellers in cities need to realize that in most states of the union no real advance can be made without the co-operation of the farmer. The farmer may be conservative but he is open to a reason-giving argument; on the other hand, he will neither be bluffed nor bull-dozed.

Our reliance must be on public sentiment, which is developing rapidly in favor of better roads; and it is a noticeable fact that where the King drag has been most thoroughly introduced, there the sentiment in favor of Good Roads is the strongest. Until the Chicago and Northwestern Railway carried on its campaign in Iowa for "Good Roads Without Money," we in Missouri had spoken of it as the "Split-Log Drag." But my friends in Iowa christened it the "King Drag." It seems well, now, since it has become famous, that it should possess some special designation, because a number of imitations and so-called improvements are being urged upon the public for a price. In fact, this office has received letters from persons who have been indirectly threatened by patentees of certain improved implements.

Just here is a convenient place to assure the reader that he can build himself a King Drag without fear, and to inform him that the Hon. Logan Waller Page, Director of the United States Office of Public Roads, Washington, D. C., will send plans and specifications free, upon request, to any one in the United States. We spent time and money, years ago, before the Split-Log Drag had attracted national attention, trying to improve it. We failed. And in these after years we have seen nothing offered in the way of proposed im-



By D. Ward King

provements that we did not give a try-out during our experiments.

Do not be alarmed; pay no money for patents; simply drop a postal card to Director Page and follow the instructions he sends.

The King Drag has long since passed the experimental stage. It is universally and enthusiastically voted a success. Only a few people, however, perceive its possibilities. Originally exploited as an implement for the earth roads, it is now quite generally used on gravel wagon-ways and is gradually coming into service in the East on their macadam. We are convinced that the success of the King Drag on macadam depends almost entirely on the judgment of the individual who manages it. More depends on the condition of the surface of a macadam than upon any other one thing; and very much more than upon the condition of either earth or gravel surfaces.

The shell roads of Maryland have been improved by it, and sand-clay and oiled-sand need its "magic touch," without which they deteriorate in a remarkably short period. Its most recent, and perhaps most remarkable triumph, is in conquering the steel slag roads of smelter cities. We have space here only to give it mention, but the Board of Trade of the city of North Tonawanda, New York, will furnish particulars, we feel certain.

As the Split-Log Drag originated in the West, its greatest triumphs are there to be found. Notably is this true in Iowa where the Northwestern Railway campaign was made several years ago in its behalf. Hence the verdict of the street commissioner of the Hawkeye State's capital city will be of more than passing interest.

The following extracts from a letter written by Mr. J. M. Stewart, Board of Public Works, Des Moines, Iowa, touches on the gravelled road phase of the subject, as well as on the comparative cost. Mr. Stewart says: " \* \* \* We have twenty-eight King Road Drags that we use in Des Moines. We began using the King Drag three years ago, and the streets are greatly improved by the use of the same, and the saving on each drag used is \$5.00 per day, as compared with the old way. \* \* \* The use of the drag on a gravel road will add greatly to its life, probably will add from five to ten years. \* \* \* A little less time is required on dirt than on the other roads, but the drag does equally good work on cinders and gravel."

Mr. Stewart's letter is dated November 15, 1907, and is closed with this sentence: "Too much can not be said in favor of the King Drag, and I want to add that I would not be street commissioner over fifty-seven square miles of territory as we have here in Des Moines without it."

These twenty-eight King Drags are saving Des Moines \$140 every day they are used and at the same time are giving better results than were obtained by the old and more expensive plan. They were not bought; the city made three for a test and added to the number when convinced of their value. The Des Moines experiment is quite important, because we have so much

more gravel road than stone; because gravel is cheaper than stone; because gravel is a much more satisfactory road for light or medium travel; and because most of the gravel roads are at present in anything but good order.

But the King Drag has its champions and friends in the eastern states also. For instance, Mr. F. P. Sanborn, of Standish, Maine, who used the King system on several stretches, under varying circumstances, in his report to Mr. Paul D. Sargent, Maine's Highway Commissioner, names one and one-half dollars as the cost for the cheapest mile and five dollars for the most expensive one. Mr. A. H. Herrick, of Ashtabula County, Ohio, writes: "Taxpayers are getting tired of being taxed for from \$5 to \$10 per mile for smoothing (?) a road with a \$400 road machine, when a \$4 King Drag will do a better job at \$1 to \$2 per mile." [The question mark in this sentence was placed there by Mr. Herrick.]

The secret of the success of the King Drag is that its use serves to keep the roads well rounded up, high in the middle and gently sloping in either direction, thus securing proper drainage. Its beauty is its simplicity. An ingenious boy of fifteen can make one. The writer feels free to urge its general introduction, because of its simplicity, its cheapness, its efficiency, and further, because of the fact that there is nothing in it for him other than his satisfaction in seeing more people enjoying the great blessings of Good Roads through its use.

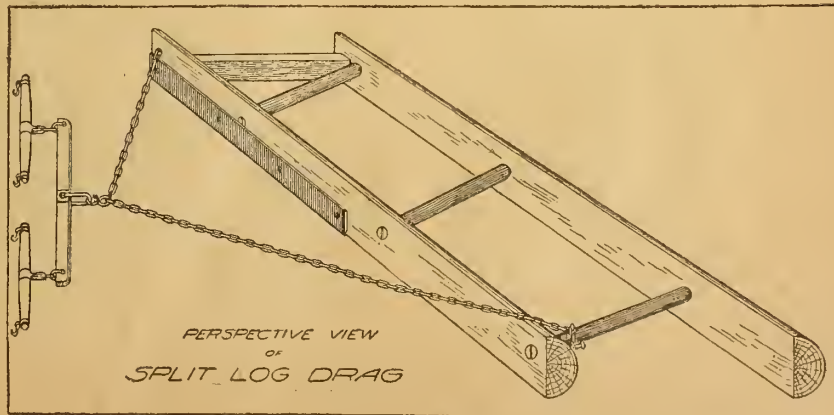
## A New York City Congressman Advocates Good Roads

[FOREWORD—One of the nation's most earnest advocates of Good Roads is Congressman William Sulzer, one of the ablest and most eloquent representatives in the National legislature from the great American metropolis. The following extract from a recent speech in Congress by Mr. Sulzer fully attests both his loyalty to the Good Roads cause and his intelligent and statesmanlike grasp of the great problem he discusses.—THE EDITOR.]

The burdens of life fall hardest on the farmer. The least the Government can do for him is to help him get decent highways. I am with the farmers in this fight for good roads. I am with the rural districts of our land in their struggle for better transportation facilities, and in Congress or out of Congress I shall do all in my power to hasten the consummation they desire—the ability to go and come along decent roads without exhausting the time and the effort and the utility of man and beast. I know farm life. My boyhood days were spent on a farm doing farm work. I know the farmer's joys and sorrows—his trials and his troubles, and I know that we owe much to the farmers and producers of our country—much that we can never repay. Whatever will aid them benefit the people in every community.

The fathers of the Republic wisely recognized the importance of this question. Washington and Jefferson advocated good roads and projected the construction of a great highway from the Capital to the Mississippi Valley. The far-seeing statesmen of the early days of our national existence championed measures to better the means of transportation. They realized the necessity of good roads—how important they were to the country—too its growth and its development, and to mankind, morally, physically, intellectually, and industrially, removing national and provincial antipathies and binding together all the branches of the great human family.

The farsighted wisdom of Julius Caesar built from the imperial exchequer the magnificent roads that led in all directions to eternal Rome. The great Napoleon—Caesar like—built the roads of France that center in Paris from the general funds of the Government, and these French roads have done more than any other single agency to encourage the thrift and increase the industry and insure the contentment of the people of France. Caesar and Napoleon were the great road builders of ancient and modern times, and their foresight and their judgment demonstrated the beneficent results that follow, as the night the day, the construction of governmental highways.





# THE MINISTRY OF FLOWERS AND PLANTS

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## The Planting of the Home Grounds



**I**N CONNECTION with the "Good Roads" idea, it is well to bear in mind the fact that an attractive road, in itself, does not constitute all the improvement that can be made in the thoroughfares of the land. The making of a good road must be supplemented by the effect of the homes along it. A neglected or poorly cared for home facing a road that has been given proper attention, detracts as much from the general good effect as a bad road does when it runs in front of a place that is well planted and well kept. Both roads and homes must be in harmony in order to secure satisfactory results.

The effective planting of the home grounds, and especially that portion of them fronting street or road, can only be done by giving the matter careful thought. Too often we give it no thought. We put out a bush here, another there, and the result is a jumble of material which is practically wasted, because nothing is gained by it. If, before planting anything, we had looked the place over carefully, and studied its possibilities, the same material might have been used in producing a really fine effect. It is not so much a question of how much to use as how to use it, that the amateur home-maker must answer, and he can not answer it intelligently unless he gives the matter careful consideration.

Of course, in an article like this, it is impossible to give definite instructions as to what to plant or how to plant it. One must be governed in his selection of material by the conditions of soil, and climate. No two places are just alike, and the differences which exist must govern us largely in our work. Each home should be considered by itself, and our choice and arrangement of shrubs, and trees, and flowers should grow out of a recognition of the possibilities and the peculiarities of the place. I think it a good plan to treat each place as you would an individual, if you were selecting clothes for him. You would not order the garments in haphazard fashion. You would study the man to be clothed, first of all, and then you would select that which seemed best suited to his size, and complexion, and general make-up. The man and the clothes must be considered together. So the place and the material you make use of in its development.

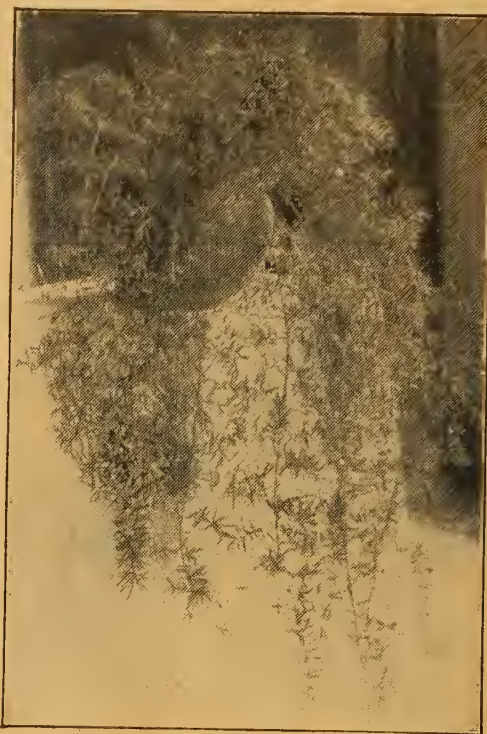
One of the prime factors of a pleasant home is—a good lawn. It need not be a large one to be pleasing. But it must have a fine, velvety sward, and it must be well kept. And that portion of it immediately between house and street or road ought never to be cut up by flower-beds or shrubs. Leave these to the sides of the lot. An unbroken stretch of lawn gives an impression of breadth and size which can never be attained when the eye is constantly confronted by objects with which, unconsciously, it judges distance. The dignity of a lawn depends upon itself, rather than upon its accessories, though these add to the general effect when used judiciously and with good taste. In other words—where they belong.

We often make a great mistake in planting too many trees. Small places cannot stand many, or large ones. One good one, of medium size, is much better than several inferior ones. An excellent variety for the small lot is the cut-leaved Birch. It grows rapidly, is pleasing from the first, and seldom outgrows the space that can be allotted it. The Mountain Ash is another pleasing sort to plant. Elms and Maples are attractive, but they are too large, nine times out of ten, for the ordinary home-lot, when developed, and it is a lot of this kind which the writer has in mind, rather than the spacious grounds which characterize the homes of the wealthy class.

I would advise bordering the home-lot with shrubs, and planting hardy perennials among them in such a manner as to give the effect of a hedge. Such a method of planting, by the owners of adjoining lots, can be made extremely effective, if the owners work together according to some definite plan. Each one will own his half of the hedge, but the general effect of it will be a unity of good taste such as would result if it had been made under the supervision of one man. Such an effect can only be secured by neighborly co-operation. Where a home stands by itself, it is much easier to plant its grounds satisfactorily.

In planting shrubs, know all about their habits before you put them into the ground. Study up on size, and time of flowering, and general characteristics. Unless you do this, you will be pretty sure to get some of them in the wrong places.

Give the larger shrubs a place at the rear. Work towards the street, using the smaller, low-growing kinds in front. But do not plant any of them in straight rows, or just so many feet



A Window Pot with Asparagus Sprengeri

apart. Rather group them, making the outline of the border facing the lawn irregular. Of course this border can be a continuous one, but the groups of shrubbery can be linked together by perennials instead of having the shrubs all a-row.

A good effect is secured by planting evergreens at the rear of the house. Here they answer a double purpose—they serve as a background for the dwelling, also as a screen to hide unsightly buildings. Perhaps such a planting of shrubs and perennials as I have spoken of may not be practical. I have seen some charming substitutes for hedges and boundary-line fences made by tacking woven wire netting to stout posts and training Ampelopsis over it until post and wire were both hidden. Such a hedge is attractive throughout the entire season, and especially so in Autumn, when the vine takes on its rich coloring of crimson and maroon. It is easily made. Set the plants about twenty feet apart, and train the vines each way until they meet. In two seasons the netting ought to be completely covered.

Much more might be said on this subject. But I have already said enough to set the home-maker to thinking about the possibilities for doing effective decorative work in the development of the home. I trust that he will agree with me that he can do much to supplement the work of the road-maker, and that he will be willing to do his share.

## The Summer Care of House Plants

A letter just received from an old-time reader of VICK'S MAGAZINE furnishes the text for this article. The writer of it says: "I have been growing flowers for these many years, and I haven't yet learned the best way to care for house-plants in summer. I have kept them on the veranda, in the window, and planted

them out in the garden. What method do you advise?"

I advise keeping every plant that is expected to do duty in the house next winter in its pot throughout the season. A plant in a pot is at all times under perfect control. You can give more water if more seems needed, or you can withhold it until you have the plant in dormant condition. A plant put into the open ground will make a vigorous growth during the summer, but, when fall comes, it must be lifted and potted, and this cannot be done without the sacrifice of so many of its newest and best roots that it receives a check from which it will be a long time in recovering. Indeed, nine out of every ten plants that are taken from the ground and put into pots in fall fail to adjust themselves promptly to the change of conditions, and seldom get into good working shape before it is time to put them out of doors again. You may handle them very carefully in lifting and potting them, but you cannot avoid sacrificing the larger share of their best roots, since it is out of the question to give them the space they would require if these roots were preserved. This sacrifice takes place at the very season when the plants are least able to stand it. They must go into the house before they have reestablished themselves, and there the conditions are so unlike those under which they have been growing in the garden that this, in itself, would be sufficient to give them a temporary check and severely shock them. The plant that has been kept growing in a pot throughout the summer has no experience of this kind to face.

Give just enough water to keep the plants in healthy condition. Do not encourage rapid growth. This is not the time for it. Your plants are resting up—getting ready for active work later on. Nip off every bud as soon as you discover it. Throw all the strength of the plant into the plant, rather than allow it to be used in the production of flowers. Prune as seems necessary, always keeping in mind the fact that a plant should be trained while developing, not after development has taken place. If repotting is to be done attend to it during the summer, so that the plant can get under headway before the time comes when it must be taken inside. This important change must be anticipated and provided for as far as possible. In order to meet it satisfactorily, a plant must be in the best possible condition. If weak in any respect, the change will intensify that weakness and often result in the death of the plant.

Too many persons put off repotting, dividing, and pruning, until late in the season. These things ought always to be done, if possible, by mid-summer, that the plants may be strong, vigorous and fairly well developed when they go into the house in late September or October. Instead of making the early winter months a season of convalescence, let it be one of preparation for work, and this it cannot be unless they are in the best possible condition. The woman who loves flowers will give them just as much attention in summer as at any other season of the year.

## Plants for North Windows

A correspondent writes: "I dearly love plants and flowers, but I have only north windows to grow them in, and I know that the chances are all against me. But isn't there something I can grow there—something not too difficult for an amateur to undertake?"

There are two plants I have no hesitation in advising my correspondent to attempt growing. Both of them are beautiful, and both are of easy culture. Neither of them will give flowers, but their bright green foliage will be a constant delight to the eye, especially in winter when "green things growing" are few and far between. One of these plants is the Boston Fern. The other is Asparagus Sprengeri.

The Fern requires a soil made up largely of leaf-mold or turfy matter, mixed with some coarse sand. Young plants grow rapidly, but they do not develop into large specimens in less than a year. They should be given enough water to keep the soil always moist, but it is not advisable to keep them soaking wet, as many persons seem to think. This plant grows to perfection in a window that is wholly without sunshine.

The Asparagus—which is in no sense a Fern, though we frequently hear it spoken of as the "Asparagus Fern,"—grows well in sandy loam. Keep the soil from getting dry, and keep the frost away from it in winter, and it will ask nothing more in the way of care for some time. But by and by its roots will fill the pot, and unless it is shifted to a pot of larger size, they will either break the old pot or elevate the plant out of it. When this happens it is advisable to divide the roots, and grow young plants from each division having "eyes," or growing points.



Beautiful Foliage of the Boston Fern



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### DON'T MARRY THIS MAN



**V**ERY frequently we meet with this old, threadbare, yet popular question, "Is marriage a failure?" And when we look on the side most

visible to human eyes and see the many unhappy homes, the large number of social scandals, and the ever increasing number of divorces, we are very apt to answer yes. But when we consider that marriage is something more than a mere expedient for the satisfaction of desire and the continuance of the human species, that the Institutor of life laid down its principles in the first frame and plan of things, we conclude that marriage is a failure in so far only as the man and the woman entering into it are failures.

The race springs not from a unit, but from a united pair. The history of mankind began in wedlock. The family is the first institution of society and the mother of the rest. It is the life basis, the primitive cell of the aggregate of the civic and social body politic. In the health, purity, and love of the home lies the moral wealth, the sturdiness, and the perpetuity of all our civil institutions. The growth and development of nations and the great achievements of history have had their origin and inspiration in the home.

Marriage is a sacred affair over the true observance of which the Almighty Father watches with a holy interest. He hath written its law in our nature and given it place on the pages of sacred writ. Saint Paul gives it a very conspicuous place in his Epistle to the Ephesians, in which he parallels the relation of husband and wife to the relation existing between Christ and His Church. The husband is to be, in his relation to his wife, what Christ is to the Church, viz., the head, having authority to be exercised only in love, and revealing true, pure, considerate affection, in which he would lay down his life for her honor. The wife is to yield herself to him as the Church is taught to yield itself in love unto Christ.

It is our purpose to discuss the kind of a man to whom any sensible, pure girl should give herself unreservedly, constantly keeping in view the higher life, and her duty to the family and the welfare of the social order of which she is a part. Marriage is something more than a legal contract. There is a higher law than the one enacted by the state—the law of love—a love that gives voluntarily all rightful authority to the husband and at the same time makes the wife's yielding of herself to him the chiefest delight of her being,—a true love, a power both sacred and divine, which melts two hearts into one—one in holy desire, one in holy purpose,—one pure sweet life.

We teach our children to pity and often to love those who are physically deformed and to show them kindness and proper consideration. Should we not teach our young people ever to shun the morally crooked and unclean? Especially, ought we not warn our daughters against those who through vicious habits, unclean associates, and impure thoughts, are wholly unfit for the love, confidence, and submission of a pure good woman? To all young ladies I would say:

Don't marry a man expecting to reform him. If he will not reform for his sweetheart, the chances are against his ever reforming for his wife. If he will not respect your wishes now; if he treats



your entreaties lightly before marriage; if he is so wedded to his old wayward life that he will not cheerfully give it up for your sake now, he will not do so later. If you ever hope to be happy, don't marry this man.

Don't marry an inveterate cigarette smoker. I have observed that he is likely to show no true respect for womanhood. If he refuses to throw away his vile cigarette when walking with you, comes into your presence with clothing reeking with that vile odor

and even refuses the entreaties of mother, sister, and sweetheart, but persists in rendering himself an offense, a poison, and a nuisance, have nothing whatever to do with him.

Don't marry a shiftless, careless, lazy man,—one who never works unless he has to and who spends his days and a large number of his nights in loafing in billiard rooms, saloons, and on the street corners. Unless you wish to take in washing or do other service to support such a man, beware of the loafer.

Don't marry a man who associates with low women, who thinks that women are created for his convenience, and considers that there is one standard of morality for men and another for women. Young lady, demand of the man who woos you the same in morals, in virtue, in social purity that is demanded of you.

Don't marry a man who sneers at religion, woman's virtue, and everything sacred, and who boasts among men folks of his conquests among the fair sex and thinks that no woman can resist his alleged charms. Unless you desire to spend your life amidst the horrors of his continual recitals of flirtations and escapades, shun the scoffer.

Don't marry a pessimist, or a dreamy, impracticable man,—one who feels that the world "owes him a living" and is constantly cheating him out of his due. Such a man is likely to regard a gambling debt as a debt of honor and a tailor's bill a nuisance. He will let his landlady wait for her board money while he puffs it out in ten cent cigars sitting on the front veranda indulging in day-dreams.

Don't marry the man who is vulgar, gruff, and brutal in his speech and manners, and whose tastes are coarse and low. He is quite apt to think that a comfortable home and plenty to eat and wear should satisfy any woman, and never thinks of the gentle, shrinking, hungry womanly love that rightly yearns for some show of tenderness and appreciation.

Don't marry a man who is domineering and arbitrary and who tyrannizes over those whom he considers weaker than himself. Such a man will not regard marriage as a co-equal partnership in which there must be mutual concessions, but will be likely to think that he owns his wife, soul and body, and that she must be slave to his every wish.

Don't marry the man who is likely to humiliate his wife by making her beg for every cent she desires for her own or household use, and then tell his lordship what she is going to do with it, or one who will howl and grumble if she does not make her allowance go as far as he imagines it should.

Don't marry a dude,—one who thinks more of how his cravat harmonizes with his general appearance, or who spends

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**No. 1916**—Ladies' House-Dress—the waist with detached turn-down collar and long or elbow sleeves, and the six-gored skirt plaited or gathered at back and joined to the waist. Percale, gingham—plain or striped—chambray or cotton voile are all used for this model. 8 sizes—32 to 46.

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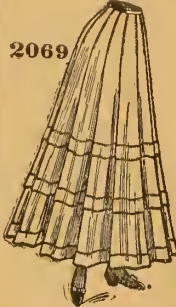
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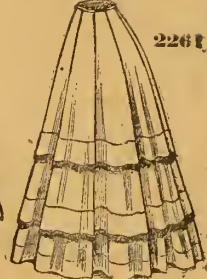
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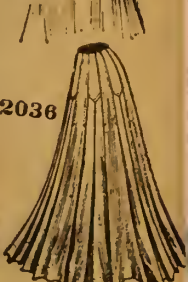
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## FASHION NOTES

Now that Summer is here there is a great demand for frocks for the children as also for the grown folks. There is no end of the many new and pretty materials and styles for both.

Any of the striped handkerchief linens or the plain colored chambrays are suitable for this simple shirt waist. It closes

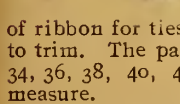


under the wide box-plait at the centre-back, the front being ornamented with a similar plait. The broad tucks over the shoulders give the required fullness, and the sleeves may be made in full or three-quarter length, according to taste. The high collar and straight cuffs are scalloped and hand embroidered with white mercerized cotton. For a miss of 15 years the waist 2384 requires 1 1/2 yards of material 36 or 42 inches wide. The pattern comes in sizes—13, 15 and 17 years.

Copenhagen-blue chambray has been used to develop this natty little blouse dress, which is quite as easy to slip in and out of as a wrapper. The waist is made with a wide turn-down collar, or in a square Dutch outline, according to taste, and the gored skirt is attached to the waist under a narrow belt of the material. For 36 bust the dress 2387 requires 6 1/4 yards of material 36 inches wide. Width of lower edge of skirt about 3 1/2 yards. The pattern comes in sizes—32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches, bust measure.



A delightfully convenient negligee is this pretty example of pink figured challis ornamented with a self colored belt ribbon, tied in front, and a narrow edging of Torchon lace on the deep pointed collar and sleeve bands. This deep lay-down collar may be omitted if desired. The sleeves are in three-quarter length. There are lines of shirring in the front and back held in place by the inside band. For 36 bust the dressing-sack No. 1938 requires 3 yards of material 36 inches wide, 2 yards of ribbon for ties and 5 yards of edging to trim. The pattern comes in sizes—32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches, bust measure.



Dark blue pongee has been used for this simple shirt-waist. The turn-down collar of the material is made separate from the shirt, so that it may be worn with the plain white linen Eton, if preferred. A narrow belt made of a bias band of the material is stitched along the waist line, and buttons sewed to this belt at regular intervals hold the trousers in place. The plain shirt sleeves are gathered into narrow cuffs of the material and the shirt fastens at the centre-back with



small pearl buttons. The pattern is adaptable to any washable material and is both serviceable and practical. For a boy of 9 years the waist No. 2397 requires 1 1/2 yards of material 36 inches wide. The pattern comes in sizes 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 years.

This pretty model is suitable for marquisette, cotton voile, chambray, linen, Shantung, Tussor or China silk. The fullness is distributed in small tucks at the front and back, and the square neck and wide Mikado armholes are trimmed with insertion of filet lace, bound with self colored ribbon. The guimpe may be of the same or a contrasting material, the neck and armbands being of the filet lace. For 36 bust the jumper No. 2371 requires 1 1/4 yards of material 36 inches wide; the guimpe needs 2 1/2 yards 36 inches wide as illustrated, 3/8 yard of all-over lace 18 inches wide, 2 3/4 yards of velvet ribbon, 3 3/4 yards of insertion and 1 3/4 yards of edging. The pattern comes in sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust measure.

A very pretty frock is the one here illustrated, developed in bright pink cotton voile. The waist, made with a round neck and flowing sleeves, is cut in one piece, and a bias band of the voile stitched with white trims the lower edge of the sleeves; similar bands ornamenting the front. Small white pearl buttons fasten the dress at the centre-back, and trim the bias bands on the front of the waist which is attached to the skirt under a belt of the material, and a ribbon run embroidery beading trims this belt and the round neck. For a girl of ten years the dress 2393 requires 2 3/4 yards of material 36 inches wide; 1 1/4 yards of beading and 2 1/4 yards of ribbon to trim. The pattern comes in sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12 years.



Wide embroidery is now used for making the shirt waist. The thin portion is decorated with fine tucks that fall from the shoulder to the waist line, while the notched edges outline the finely tucked front vest portion, often tucked across the front in groups or solid effect. The back will be a duplicate of the front, with ornamental buttons closely placed down the center. The short, moderately full sleeves are ornamented with notched embroidery cuffs turned back upon the sleeves. The collar is a duplicate of the sleeve arrangement. It is a pretty method for using embroidery for a waist.

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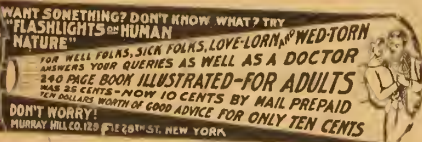
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## Dollars From Doughnuts AND OTHER THINGS

### What House Keepers Can Do

By Berthie Fogg Anthoine

Did you ever see a person, no matter whether it be man or woman, who honestly and earnestly set out to find work who did not succeed? Doubtless it was not what was desired; doubtless it involved hard and long hours; but it was work with some kind of pay. The hand can find some work, and honest work, too, if it be not too particular as to the kind and the pay at the end of the week.

There are fields of labor yet uncultivated which necessity makes fertile, and many women who either need to add to the family income, or desire a little extra pin money to support themselves, have proved that the demand can be created for the hand to supply. From such instances as have come within my observation I have selected the least common, and perhaps you may perceive some suggestion which may be worked out, and a previously unrecognized demand created and filled.

You have seen, no doubt, the hard pressed corn cakes at the candy counter and watched the voracious school-boy cram its dry mass down his throat. Did it ever suggest itself to you that there was a good field for pin money in supplanting those husky, almost tasteless blocks with round, tender, fresh corn balls at the same price? One woman did, and cleared about a dollar a day out of the business.

Doughnuts are sold in every grocery store. Can you make good doughnuts? Can you make them economically? One woman could. She stirred up the batter at night and got up at half past four or five in the morning, frying 1800 each day for a large store. It meant work; but it supported her.

A woman with a good fund of general information prepares each season a series of talks on various subjects, and these she delivers to clubs or church or school meetings for the sum of \$2.00 per talk and her expenses. She is a bright, pleasing speaker, and in this way clothes herself and earns enough besides for art lessons.

From the country woman comes a wail that all suggestions she has ever read were for village or city people. From time out of history the country woman has had the egg money, and if I could not earn my clothes with a dozen or two self-respecting hens to help, I would keep most artistically still. However, for the woman who does not keep hens and who cannot keep them, there still remains a demand for rugs, quilts, jellies, pickles, and preserves, which has not yet been satisfied. The country sister has no cause to complain.

Two women in a country village of a dozen houses, miles and miles from any city, made \$150 winter before last knitting sweaters and added to that amount something for fancy golf gloves. Another woman near a large college in Massachusetts has all she can do knitting golf jackets at \$6 each. Shawls, either knitted and crocheted, find a ready market, and are pretty evening work. One worker gets a dollar a shawl for her labor, and besides crocheting shawls ordered, does others for a store.

There is always a demand for hand-embroidered underclothing if it is beautifully done, and shadow-embroidered white kimonoas are easily done and extremely pretty.

A homeless and kinless maiden lady devotes her time to a modest subscription agency. She has customers all over the small city, and for years has looked after their magazine renewals. The commission on these helps in her support if it does not mean her whole maintenance.

The book-agent is always with us, but canvassing loses its terrors when one has

a list of regular customers for some staple article. There is no reason why the country woman cannot manage an agency of some kind. One young woman handles wall papers; another skirts and suits. Anything that saves a trip to a far distant city and gives satisfaction for the money will prove a source of income from year to year.

Two young girls working in a large mill add at least half as much as their wages each month to their income by the sale of photographs of local points of interest. Calendars, postal cards, photographs of groups, etc., all find a ready sale at ten cents each.

The making of dainty neckwear engages the time of two women—mother and daughter. Anyone with a gift for designing can, with a little observation and practice, turn out really beautiful collars.

One woman prepares from one to two thousand small hand-painted holiday gifts and each year holds a well advertised sale. Photograph frames, pillow tops, calendars, broom holders, shaving cases, and pictures at reasonable prices are all for sale besides many other things—and sell, too.

But the oddest of all is the soup woman. It is an art to make really good soup. This little woman knows how; she has a list of soups and chowders for each day and these are delivered by the quart all ready to heat and serve.

When the list of suggestions is ended, the average woman objects, "But, where shall I sell these things? What would be the use of my making collars and jellies and soups if I cannot sell them?" There, my dear, is just where the suggestions have to end, and you must take hold of the matter. Watch for an opening, and do not be afraid to offer your goods or your services. Advertise if you can afford to. Do your work in a business-like way and business will come your way. If you can make soup, do not be afraid to say so, nor ashamed of your accomplishment. Very few can make it, you know.

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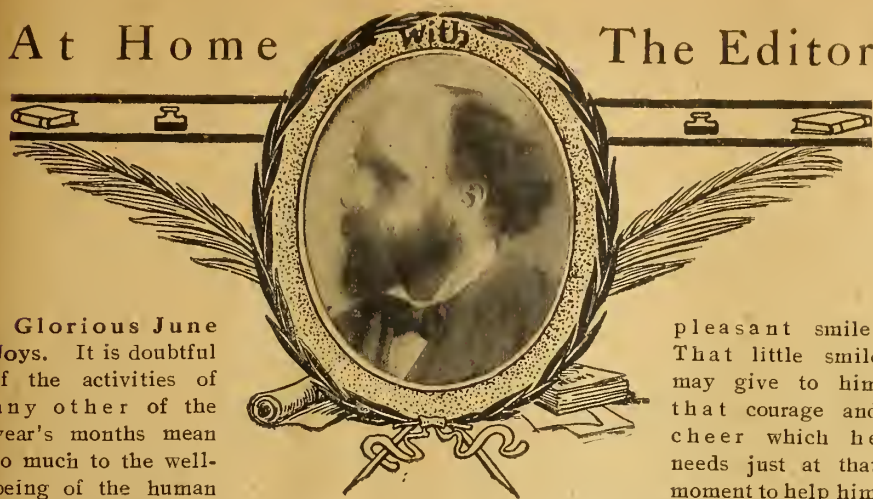
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## At Home

## The Editor



**Glorious June Joys.** It is doubtful if the activities of any other of the year's months mean so much to the well-being of the human race as do those of June, the sunniest, the cheeriest of all the twelve. Is it any wonder that, throughout this glad lunar period, the minds of youth and maid should turn to thoughts of love, and that they should consummate their plighted troth under its sunny skies, amid its bowers of flowers and the gay singing of the birds, which are also mating. All joy, long life, and happiness to June's fair brides and the grooms whom they make happy.

Not only is June specially interesting by reason of Cupid's almost numberless triumphs during its delightful hours, but also on account of the immense number of buoyant, hopeful, happy young men and women who go forth from college and university to enter upon a new life of stern reality and uncertainty; who forever leave the drill-ground for the battlefield of life. Ardent, intense, ambitious, aspiring, thoroughly confident of the success long dreamed of—they bid a fond farewell to teachers dear and the classic shades of their beloved alma mater. There they are, just crossing for the last time her outer threshold, which is now to them the entrance to the arena of real life—a splendid army, a mighty power for benefit and blessing to the world if rightly purposed, if loyal to principle, if devoted to that most glorious of all causes—that of rightness. Truly the month of June holds within its keeping wealth of human destiny inestimable, much of momentous meaning to the future, and potential prophecy of human woe or weal.

**"Lilies of the Field."** An amusing anecdote is told of DeQuincey, the celebrated English author. One day the census-taker came to his house, and the essayist found no little difficulty in answering all the questions propounded. One query was as to his occupation. He was in a quandary to know just how to make answer. He at length wrote: "A writer to the magazines." He was not so fortunate as to the occupations of his three daughters. He puzzled about the matter some time, and then bracketed their names and described them as "lilies of the field; they toil not, neither do they spin." Unfortunately, there is a constantly growing number of this non-descript class,—and they are not, by any means, all women or girls. That full-grown man or woman whose industry is not sufficiently great to suggest to the mind the name of some definite occupation, is of very little account in the social economy of this world.

**"As We Pass By."** Why not smile "as we pass by?" Yes, why not? When we pass a fellow mortal on the street, why not remove from the face the veil of shadow, let a little ray of sunshine out from the visage, and greet him with a

pleasant smile? That little smile may give to him that courage and cheer which he needs just at that moment to help him

over some difficulty in the way of life. It will cost you nothing, and may do some weary, foot-worn traveler inestimable good. Think of this, try it, and see how much you will enjoy it.

**The First Weeping.** Every child can cry, and many of the little ones cry often; but not until several sunny summers have shone into their young lives do they know what it is to weep; and the day when one of them has its first weeping begins an important era in the evolution of the child life. To shed tears of sorrow for the first time, absolutely without vocal utterance, is the beginning of an entirely new series of experiences. Not long ago a little girl not quite four years of age broke her new dolly. Sad and heavy of heart was she, yet not a sound came from her rosy lips; but the great tears, in copious showers, poured over her dimpled cheeks. That was her first weeping. Perchance we children of older growth may think of that first weeping as only a "little sorrow of a little girl;" and yet who knows but that this first silent weeping was born of a sorrow as grievous to the little maiden as are those that sometimes come to us?

**A Hand-Shake.** How little one costs, yet how much a good hearty hand-shake will sometimes do! Not long since, a lone, discouraged boy sat in a park in one of our great cities. In common parlance, he was out of a job, and knew not where to find one. Along came a man full of courage and cheer. Noticing the boy's sad dejected look, he went over, sat down with him, and heartily shook hands with him. Thereby, without subtracting from his own store, he added wonderfully to the hope and courage of the lad. The result was that the boy cheered up, pressed forward, soon found a job, and proved both faithful and successful.

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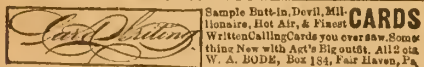
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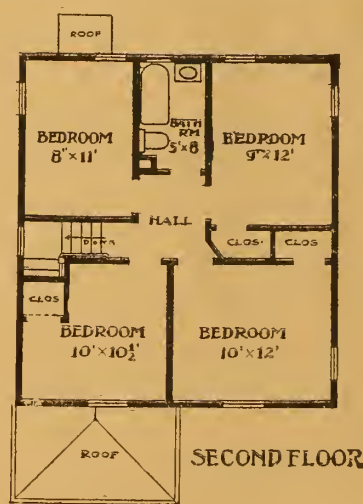
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By Eda W. vonAlten

### OUT OF DOORS WITH THE CHILDREN

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In the summer, when everything is fresh, fragrant, and alive, the ordinary household duties should be suspended at least a short time each day, and we should live with our little ones, enjoying with them the wonders and beauties of nature.

Take your cardboard, needle, and thread out in the arbor; or walk to a stream a little distance away, and look for leaves. These can be traced, and afterward sewed or painted. There are such varieties of pretty leaves that a little book can be filled with them, also with the flowers that bloom in the month of August. The children should match the color of the blossoms or flowers, and learn to give the name of each by the feeling or smell. A little song used frequently in the kindergarten for strengthening the sense of feeling is:—

"Though your little eyes are blinded,  
Your little hands can feel;  
Now take the thing I give to you,  
And quick its name reveal"

A child is blindfolded, and given a leaf. After the other children finish singing, the little one feels of the leaf, and tells its name. The words may be sung to any familiar tune suited to the meter.

We are also brought to another interesting phase of work, which Froebel teaches us under the head of grass-mowing. There is the gratitude to our Heavenly Father for sending rain and sunshine. We must also thank Peter for mowing the grass, and Molly for milking the cow and making the butter; for you know we eat the butter and drink the milk in order to grow strong and healthy.

The child should be led to see that many people have been busy that he might be fed, clothed, and made happy; and that if he takes, he must give in return. This teaches the very important lesson that nothing worth having comes to us without effort. The children should be taken out to see the grass and clover, watch the machinery, and learn the names of the implements used. Let them help drive the cows from the pasture, watch the milking, and taste the warm milk; put some away in a shallow pan and have them skim the cream. Let them watch the process of butter-making, and work a little themselves to help make the butter they eat with their bread. A walk can be taken to the factory where large quantities of butter are made.

Mothers will find the following books well worth reading, and filled with many helpful suggestions:

"Nature," by Emerson; "A Barnyard Talk," by Emilie Poulson; "Farmyard Songs," by J. T. Trowbridge; "The Farmyard," by S. E. Wiltze; "The Farmer and His Sons," by Alsop.

The next subject may be the honey-bee. Let the children watch the bee as it lights on a flower, and thrusts itself, head first, down to the nectar and gathers the honey. Bees get something else from the flowers besides honey,—a yellow powder, called pollen. The pollen is packed in little baskets and carried to the hive, where it is mixed with honey. This mixture is called "bee bread," and is fed to the baby bees. The bee also has eight pockets on the under side of

its body out of which it gets the wax to build the cells. These cells are white and of a very pretty shape—six-sided—and serve as storehouses for the honey and homes for the baby bees. Explain to the children that three kinds of bees live in every colony,—the workers, the queen bee, and the drones. The workers gather the honey and wax, make the cells and keep the hive tidy; the queen bee lays the eggs; and the drones protect the queen when she leaves the hive. Then the children may watch for some flower that the bee visits, and with a tumbler covered with netting capture a bee with the flower. In this way they will be able to see the pollen-baskets. After watching the flowers that bees visit, one can be perforated or sewed by the children. A charming writer on the subject of bees is John Burroughs, who has given us an excellent work entitled, "An Idyll of the Honey Bee and Pastoral Bee." Helen Keller has also written a delightful story, "Edith and the Bees." Other suggestions can be found in "Ants, Bees, and Wasps," by Lubbock; and "To the Humblebee," by Emerson.

These are but a few suggestions for summer lessons; and as mother and child take these strolls together, and learn of the wonderful provisions of nature, the bond of sympathy will be strengthened. The mother will more fully realize the worth of Froebel's motto, "Come, Let us Live with the Children."

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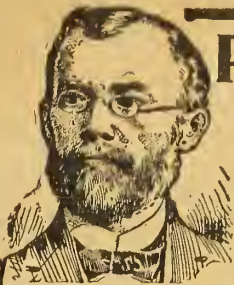
Come with me and let us, for a moment, study mother nature's impulses. Mothers, who have taken an active part in their little one's interest, will notice that there is a season for all their different little games. We have the regular recurrence of the marble, skipping rope, and "pump pull away" in the early spring. At this time of the year children long to get out-of-doors and expand, as it were. Every muscle in their little bodies seems to vibrate and respond to nature's call. What is nature's call? What does she bid the children do in Summer? What should mothers do in finding an answer to this question?

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## With Vick's Young People

### An Adventure in Africa

By W. Walther VonAlten



ONCE upon a time there lived in Germany a poor widow with her only son, Androcles. In order to support herself and her little boy she was obliged to wash the clothing of her wealthy neighbors. When Androcles became a man, he learned the carpenter's trade, and, as a journeyman, was compelled to leave his mother and his humble home, according to the custom of the country. After a sad parting from his beloved mother, he went forth to face the world, and to perfect himself in his chosen occupation.

After working in nearly all the great cities of Germany, he went to Venice. Being unable to find employment there, he engaged as a ship carpenter on an Italian vessel bound for Algiers. While approaching the coast, the vessel was attacked and captured by an Algerine corsair. Androcles and his companions were taken to Algiers, and sold in the slave-market to the highest bidders. He was then taken by his new master into the interior of the country, and set to work in the field with his fellow slaves. It was the habit of his master to ride around among his slaves daily, and beat them unmercifully with a whip provided with a long, stinging lash. Androcles did his best to please his master; but the harder he worked, the more numerous and severe were the stripes he received.

One day when he had received an unusually severe scourging, his anger became uncontrollable, and with a single blow of his hoe he unhorsed his master and laid him dead upon the ground. The alarm was soon raised, and the servants who were loyal to their master rode in hot pursuit of Androcles, who had mounted his fallen master's good steed, and was putting him to his utmost speed for life and liberty. Nearer and nearer came his pursuers, and faster and faster sped the fugitive horseman. All at once his horse stumbled, and, with his rider, disappeared in a large, deep pit. Androcles became unconscious, and when he recovered from the effects of the terrible concussion, he found himself partially underneath the horse, which was dead.

Androcles managed to extricate himself from the horse and the pit just as night was approaching. As he searched for a place of shelter, he heard near him a deep, hoarse growl. Looking in the direction of the peculiar and startling sound, he saw with horror a huge lion about to spring upon him. He ran to the nearest tree, and on climbing it, suddenly felt something cold against his cheek. He quickly turned his head, and saw the fiery eyes of a snake staring him in the face. In an agony of terror, he slipped down the tree, and ran for his life.

He finally succeeded in reaching one of the caves with which the country abounded, joyfully crept into it, and soon fell asleep from sheer exhaustion. He had slept, he knew not how long, when he was suddenly awakened by a loud noise; and on looking up, he saw a large lion standing at the entrance of the cave. He was greatly frightened, for he saw no means of escape. On observing the lion more closely, and hearing him moaning piteously, Androcles saw that the right forefoot of the lion was much swollen, and that a large thorn was sticking in his foot. Then Androcles took courage; he boldly stepped up to the lion, lifted the wounded foot, and extricated the thorn. The operation, however, was evidently a painful one, for while it was being performed, the lion growled and lashed his tail furiously. On finding himself relieved of his pain,

the lion bounded away, and was soon out of sight. Androcles was glad enough to get rid of his patient on such easy terms; for he was not sure of his friendship, notwithstanding the kindness he had shown him.

Not having seen or heard anything of the lion for some time, Androcles lay down, and once more fell asleep. When he awoke, the sun was shining into the cave, and there stood the lion with a rabbit in his mouth, which he laid at the feet of Androcles, looking at him as much as to say, "Here, my friend, I bring you food." Androcles was glad to get the rations thus strangely provided, for he was very hungry. With the hare and some berries, he prepared what to him was a palatable breakfast.

Day after day the lion brought Androcles a part of his game; and upon this, with berries and roots, he managed to subsist. In this way several weeks passed. One day the lion did not return to the cave as usual. Androcles searched far and wide, but could find no trace of his lost friend; night came on, and he gave up the search.

The next day he made up his mind that, rather than starve, he would try to find the dwelling of some human being. After walking several days, he came to a hut in which he found a man and his wife, who received him kindly, and offered him shelter and nourishment. When Androcles was asleep, the woman asked her husband if he knew who their guest was. On his answering that he had no idea as to his identity, she reminded him of a murder that had been committed by a slave who had killed his master, adding that she thought this man was the murderer. The man at once communicated to the authorities his suspicions concerning his unsuspecting guest; and Androcles was promptly arrested, tried for his life, found guilty, and condemned to die. The death he was to suffer was a horrible one,—he was to be devoured by a fierce, hungry lion. Androcles was placed in the midst of a large arena surrounded by seats, which were filled with spectators composed of the "leading citizens" of the city. A cage containing the lion was then wheeled into the arena. The lion, being released from his cage, soon discovered Androcles standing in the midst of the arena. Carefully approaching him with cat-like tread, until he had reached the proper distance, he sprang upon his victim, and brought him to the ground stunned and senseless. Every one expected to see the lion bury his sharp teeth in the flesh of the prostrate man, when, lo! the lion examined Androcles by looking at him and smelling of him, all the while moaning and showing signs of pity and affection. When Androcles had been aroused from his stupor by the caresses of the lion, he opened his eyes, and at once recognized his missing friend of the wilderness, put his arms around the neck of the lion, and caressed him as he would a long-lost brother who had just returned to him.

The spectators were amazed; they could scarcely believe their eyes, but they soon found out the truth; for Androcles told them how the lion had become his friend. By common consent the vast audience prevailed upon the authorities, who were present, to pardon the prisoner, and give him the lion.

Finding himself at liberty to go where he pleased, Androcles with his faithful pet boarded the first ship that left the shores of Africa, and reached home in safety, to the great joy of his mother, who, by reason of his long absence, had given him up for dead. By telling the story of his adventures and exhibiting his faithful lion, Androcles became wealthy. He then married an estimable lady, and lived to see his children filling with credit the different positions of honor assigned them.

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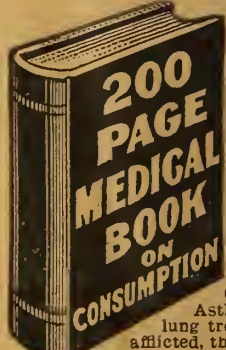
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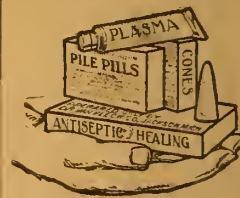
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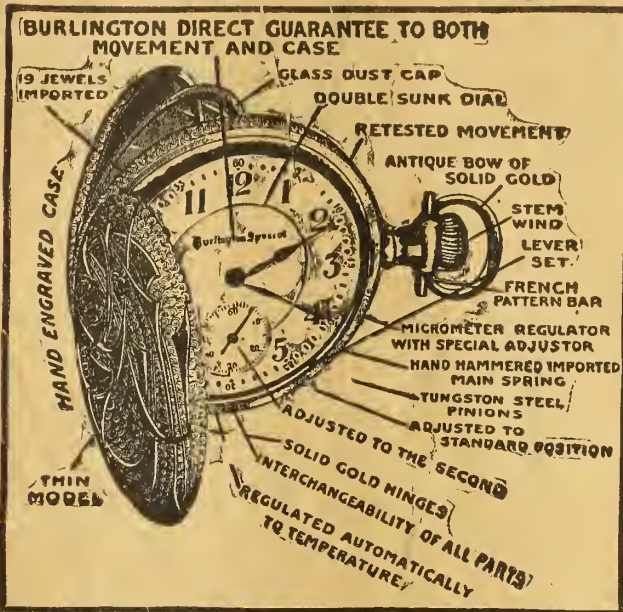
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## Cooling Edibles and Drinks

How to Make Them

Breakfast, Luncheon and Dinner on  
the Lawn or Veranda

By Verna La Dale

#### Breakfast

For a breakfast of this kind, fresh fruit is always appropriate for the first course. The fewer hot dishes served, the better, as it is difficult to keep them warm. Baked slices of cornmeal mush, served with a fruit sauce, are very palatable; also some kind of stewed fruit, with cocoanut crisps or currant puffs. Fruit cocoa can be easily kept warm, and may be served last.

#### Baked Cornmeal Mush

Dip slices of left-over cornmeal mush into beaten egg, then roll in bread-crumbs, and bake in the oven until slightly browned on both sides. (Zwieback, or twice-baked bread crumbs are best for this purpose.)

#### Cocoanut Crisps

Two and two-thirds cups of pastry flour, two and one-half cups of dessicated cocoanut reduced to a fine meal, one-third of a level teaspoonful of salt. Thoroughly rub the meal and salt into the flour, then with about two-thirds of a cup of cold water make a dough stiff enough to work nicely without sticking. Knead carefully, folding in plenty of air; and when it snaps as the dough is pulled into fragments it is ready to be rolled out as thin as brown wrapping-paper, cut into three-inch squares, well perforated, and bake until nicely browned.

#### Currant Puffs

Measure into the crock one-third cup of cream and two-thirds cup of milk, into which drop one-fourth of a level teaspoonful of salt and a whole egg. Into a basin measure one and one-half cups of whole wheat-flour, one-half cup of white flour, and mix thoroughly. Then with batter-whip, beat the milk in the crock until foamy, and continuing to beat, gradually introduce the flour mixture, until batter is of sufficient stiffness to pile up a little in the crock as it flows from the batter-whip, yet not too stiff to flow freely. Beat until full of air, which will be shown by numerous bubbles rising and breaking on the surface. Add to this one-half cup of seedless raisins, which have been washed, dried in a bowl, and dusted with flour to prevent their settling in the batter. Pour immediately into warm gem-irons, and bake slowly for one hour.

#### Luncheon

The luncheon can be made quite simple and yet be attractive. Fruit may be used again, either stewed or fresh fruit, and served with cake of some kind. Walnut dates, and sandwiches are often served, also buns and cold sliced chicken, choice canned salmon, or other cold meats. A cold beverage is best for the luncheon.

#### Walnut Dates

Wash and seed nice large dates, insert half an English walnut, and roll the whole in a little pulverized sugar.

#### Dinner

There are many things that may be served for a summer dinner, only a few of which will be mentioned. Chicken croquettes, cabbage slaw, baked beans, and green corn, may all be served. Sliced tomatoes and a fruit salad of some kind are palatable. For dessert, a shortcake is excellent. The breads and crackers may be promiscuously chosen. The table should be decorated with flowers, and if the salad is garnished with parsley or lettuce, it will add greatly to the appearance of the table. A fruit dish of oranges with smilax woven in among them, is attractive, as is also fresh pineapple, sliced and served with one large pineapple, with a pretty top, in the center of the dish. The sliced pineapple should

be sprinkled with sugar, and the whole pineapple should be peeled, the eyes carefully removed and the top leaves allowed to remain.

#### Ices and Sherbets

##### Fruit Ices

Express the juice from a pint of stoned red cherries, add the juice of two lemons, one cup of sugar, and a quart of cold water. Stir well for five minutes, and freeze in an ice-cream freezer. Equal parts currant and red-raspberry juice may be used instead of cherry, if preferred.

A general rule for sherbets is one pint of any kind of fruit juice, one quart of cold water, two cups of sugar, the whites of two eggs beaten stiff and dry, and added when the sherbet is half frozen. Add to the fruit-juice, water and sugar; and when partially frozen, add the whites of the eggs and finish freezing.

##### Lemon Sherbet

Press out the juice of seven lemons, add one quart of water, two or more cups of sugar, and strain into the freezer. When half frozen, add one pint of milk, and the whites of two eggs, beaten stiff and finish freezing.

##### Orange Sherbet

To one quart of cold water add one pint of orange-juice, two cups of sugar, and the juice of one lemon. Strain and freeze. A little cherry or currant juice will give a pink color, if desired.

#### Cooling Drinks

##### Currantade

Wash thoroughly a pint of ripe, red currants, and one-half the quantity of red raspberries; add sugar to sweeten, and two quarts of cold water. Crush, stir, strain, cool on ice and serve.

##### Orangeade

Rub lightly two ounces of lump sugar on the rind of two fresh oranges, to extract the flavor; put this sugar into a pitcher, to which add the juice expressed from the oranges, and that from one lemon. Pour over all one pint of cold water, stir thoroughly, and serve.

##### Pink Lemonade

For one glass of lemonade squeeze the juice of half a small lemon into the glass; carefully remove all seeds and particles; add a dessert spoonful of sugar, and three of currant, strawberry, or cherry juice. Fill the glass with water, cool on ice, and serve.

#### Our Sage's Seasoning

A dinner table without cheerfulness is like salt which has lost its savor,—where-with shall it be cheered!

Many centuries ago a fish was caught with a piece of silver in its mouth, and, strangely enough, it has been thought ever since that fish must be served with silver,—on a silver salver and eaten with silver.

As a bouquet is arranged and harmonized according to the colors of the flowers of which it is composed, so a dinner party should be grouped according to the tastes of its members and the texture of their brains.

There is a philosophy of cooking, serving, and eating. Who is the philosopher of the kitchen, the dining-room, and the table? Where does he live, and where may he be found, that we may go angling for an invitation to crook our knees under his mahogany?

If dyspeptics could only be persuaded to exercise their jaws as much while eating as they do afterward in talking of their ailments, they would soon have nothing left to talk about. What an impetus the art of polite conversation would then receive, when so many people would be compelled to find something new and more edifying to converse upon!



# Our Animal Friends

## "Nep"—A True Story

By James K. Walter

"Nep" was a big, shaggy Newfoundland dog. When he first became a member of my friend's household, he was an overgrown puppy, fond of fun, and, like all puppies, full of mischief, but good natured and affectionate. After some time a baby boy, came to the home of my friends. At the first cry of the new baby, Nep went into ecstasies of delight. He took up his position by the cradle, and constituted himself little Harry's special guardian. As the child grew and was able to toddle around, Nep never left his side, and the mother learned to trust the little one implicitly in the care of the big dog. Whenever she went to seek the child, it was the dog's name that she called, and the dog that answered. When little Harry was about three years old, it appears that he and Nep wandered one day farther than usual, and in some way got upon the railway track. The line ran on an embankment, the sides of which were overgrown with brambles. There was a curve in the road a short distance away. Sud-

mistress as usual. She said, "Nep, old fellow, I cannot go this morning, but you shall go if you wish." Placing the flowers in the basket, she opened the door. Nep looked gravely into her face, and then, seeming to realize what was expected, he took up the basket and trotted off.

A little time afterward the sexton was astonished to hear a dog barking at the gates, which were fastened. Coming out of his house, he saw Nep standing three with the basket in front of him. Knowing the dog well, the man opened the gate, and let him in, and then followed him at a distance to see what he would do. When the dog arrived at the child's grave, he put down the basket, and taking out the flowers carefully with his teeth, deposited them in an orderly manner on the little mound. When this was done, he took up the empty basket, and solemnly trudged away home.

## Bird Mother-Love

By J. J. Thomas, Jr.

A few evenings ago, while riding along a country by-road, I espied a small clump



Nep

denly, beyond the curve, the sound of an approaching train was heard; but, unconscious of impending danger, the child stood motionless on the track. As the engine whirled round the curve, Nep suddenly realized the child's peril, and rushing at the frightened boy rolled him completely off the track, and down the embankment on the other side. The engineer had already seen the child, and the train slowed up as it approached the spot. The little one was lying below on the grass, considerably scratched by the brambles; and Nep was standing over him, licking his hands and face. A neighbor who was driving by, saw the situation, and picking up little Harry, took him home in his buggy. Nep trotted contentedly behind the carriage. Sad to relate, when Harry was four years old, he caught the scarlet fever. The dog would not leave the child's bedside, and when the little one died, Nep evinced signs of the deepest grief. He followed the casket to the grave. During the summer, little Harry's mother went every morning to the cemetery with a basket of fresh flowers to deck the dear one's grave. Nep always brought the basket, and waited to have the flowers placed in it; then, taking the handle in his mouth, he trudged to the grave with his mistress, and waited patiently until she had arranged the flowers. This was repeated every day for some months. One morning in the fall, the weather was inclement, and the lady was indisposed, so that she was obliged to relinquish the idea of going to the child's grave that morning. Nep could not understand what was the matter. When the hour came, he brought the basket to his

of rose-bushes by the roadside. The flowers looked so inviting that I determined to pluck a few of the choicest buds. I had hardly plucked the first one when my attention was attracted by the quick, sharp cries of a female meadow-lark. Looking in that direction, I saw the bird fluttering and trembling along on the ground. It was apparently in the greatest distress, as if with a broken leg or wing. Compliant to my curiosity, and determined to investigate, I crawled through the fence, and advanced slowly to the spot where the bird was. It moved slightly, but apparently with considerable difficulty. At the same ratio that I approached, it receded, so that I was unable to get any nearer than within a few feet of it. After I had followed the bird about ten yards, it suddenly arose in the air all unimpeded, with loud, sonorous notes of joy. The feathered hypocrite had been leading me from her nest. I immediately retraced my steps, and resumed the picking of the roses. Again and again the bird tried the same tactics; but seeing that I did not heed her, she suddenly dropped all her strategy, and began drooping her head and beating her wings on the ground. She uttered a few low, moaning tones, as if pleading with me not to disturb her nest. I could not withstand this last appeal, so I hastily climbed back into the carriage without getting half of the flowers I had intended to. No human being could have expressed more joy than did this mother bird then. Up into the air she rose, circling about, giving vent to her ecstasy in rapturous bursts of melody.



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## National Reward for Roads

(Continued from page 7)

But our common, every-day wagon roads! By Gum! They are by all odds the poorest on the face of this green earth; no other civilized nation on the earth but has better than we. Why is it? Is it because we are poor? A people that has created and builded a nation in a day, with more millionaires than any other two countries can claim, poor? Well, hardly. The trouble is that we are so blamed rich that we can live even with poor roads. It would bankrupt a commonly blessed nation to haul its products over such abominable roads.

What are we going to do about it? Knowing, as we do, that the nation has paid out in land and money to railroads and rivers and harbors two billions of dollars, or one thousand dollars per mile for every one of the two million miles of public wagon road there is in this home land of ours, isn't it about time that we insisted upon having some national aid for our highways; that the roads of our country may show signs of civilization; may show that our religion has taken effect and that we are putting our education to a good use, benefitting our postal facilities and making it easy for us to get to the church, to school, to library, lodge, theatre, to market, and last but far from least, to our neighbor's dinner table and sitting room. This can be brought about all over the United States only by national assistance. No other country ever got good roads in any other way; then why should there be longer delay in following the precedent established by all the nations that have good roads. I am one of a very large majority of the people of this country who demand national help, and I have drawn a National Reward Road Bill and have sent it to several congressmen, and hope that some one or more of them will introduce and vigorously push it, or one with the same object.

The gist of the measure I would like to see placed upon our national statute book is as follows:

That the Bureau of Public Roads be abolished, and all matters belonging to it be placed in charge of a United States Highway Commissioner, who shall make and promulgate all needful rules and regulations under which the various States and Territories may apply for and receive the benefits of this Act, which said rules and regulations shall be approved by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Sec. 6. That whenever any State or Territory shall file notice with the United States Highway Commissioner \* \* \* that it is the intention of the State or Territory to build a certain number of miles of road such as will merit United States reward, it shall be the duty of the United States Highway Commissioner to furnish general plans and specifications, which, if followed, will entitle the State or Territory to receive the amount of reward due for the length and class of road built.

Sec. 7. That every mile of well graded road on which the steepest incline shall not exceed six per centum and the width of which shall not be less than eighteen feet between side ditches, and which shall be properly drained, and crowned so as to shed water quickly to the side ditches, and which shall have a wagon way or travel track not less than twelve feet wide, made in two courses and thoroughly compacted; if built in accordance with the plans and specifications of the United States Highway Commissioner, and approved by him, shall merit reward as follows: If built of gravel, five hundred dollars per mile; if built with one course of approved stone and one course of gravel, seven hundred fifty dollars per mile; if macadamized, one thousand dollars per mile. If the United States Highway Commissioner shall, by investigation or experiment, find that some other material than those mentioned in this section is equal to them or any one of them, then he may prepare plans and specification for roads to be built of such material, and shall place them in one of the classes described in this section, and such roads shall be entitled to receive the reward of the class to which they are assigned by the said Commissioner.

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The Floral Question Box

Conducted by Eben E. Rexford

**Non-Flowering Cactus.** "Will you please tell me why my Christmas Cactus does not bloom. It hasn't blossomed for two years."—M. C.

The above inquiry is ideal, in a way. It is a fair sample of the questions which ask for information without giving any. I suppose it never occurred to the writer that I ought to know something about the treatment that has been given the plant in order to form an opinion as to its behavior. If questioners would tell how they have cared for their plants it might make it easy for us to diagnose the case very accurately, but, lacking this information, we can only make general suggestions which may, or may not, fit the case. In answer to the above query I can only say that the Cactus does not require much water, except while making growth,—and not much then,—and that it should be given full sunshine, and kept on the dry side while dormant. Treated in this way, and given a rather sandy soil, most varieties will do well.

**Non-Flowering Rose.** "I have a two-year old American Beauty Rose. Have worked two years with it, and never had a blossom. Can you tell me why? Have taken good care of it."—Mrs. S. M. P.

If the plant has had good care, it ought to have blossomed. I would like to know what sort of care was given it before giving any opinion.

**A Batch of Questions.** 1st. "I have what I call a Sea Onion. Is there another name for it?" 2nd. Why did my Pansies not bloom last year? They had rich soil and plenty of water. 3rd. My Calla has never blossomed. It grows well. 4th.

When should Caudytuft be planted? 5th. Name price of a good Tuberose bulb. 6th. Please tell me how and when to grow Nasturtiums. 7th. Give me some information of growth and character of Cosmos, Columbine, Sweet Allyssum, Marigold, Bachelor Button and Gilly flower. Which of these are grown from seed?"—L. D.

1st. The proper name is Squill. 2nd. I can't say. 3rd. Perhaps your Calla fails to bloom because you keep it growing the year round. I would advise putting the plant out of doors this summer, and letting it get so dry that its leaves die off. Repot in fall in rich soil, and it may give flowers the coming winter. 4th. In May. 5th. About 5 cents. 6th. Plant in May, in soil of only moderate richness. A very rich soil will result in a great growth of vines and few flowers. 7th. Read your catalogues. They will tell you all about these plants, all of which can be grown from seed.

**Lemon Tree.** "I have a Lemon grown from seed. The plant is nearly three feet tall, and about six years old. It does not bloom. When ought it to do so?"—Mrs. M. J. R.

Seedling Lemons seldom bloom or bear fruit under ordinary window-garden culture. Perhaps your plant might do so if you were to have it grafted from a bearing plant.

**Oleander.** "What is the proper way to grow the Oleander?"—Mrs. R.

Give this plant a soil of rich, sandy loam. Water it freely while growing and flowering. In fall it can be stored in the cellar, where it should be kept

quite dry. Young plants are grown by taking cuttings of half-ripened wood, about five inches long and putting them into a vial of rain-water. Hang the vial in the window where the sun can strike the base of the cutting, but not the top of it, and add water from time to time, as evaporation takes place. In a month or six weeks roots will appear at the base. When these have grown to be an inch long, crumble earth into the bottle until it is about half full, letting it settle among the tender roots at the bottom. When new leaves are put forth by the plant, break the bottle, lift out the plant, without disturbing the roots, if possible, and put it in a pot of rich soil. If you want it to grow in tree form, train it to one straight stalk until it reaches the height where you want the head to be, then nip off the top of it and force it to branch. If you prefer a shrubby specimen, do your nipping while the plant is small, thus causing it to send out branches near its base.

**Bulbs after Blooming.** "How should I treat Paper White Narcissus after blooming in pots? Also Hyacinth."—G. E. C.

I would advise throwing the bulbs away. They seldom bloom a second time after having been forced in the house. Of course, they may bloom again, but you can't depend on their doing so. It is always advisable to procure fresh bulbs each season.

**Primroses.** "What can be done to make Primroses bloom? I have several, grown from seed. They are healthy, thrifty plants, but do not show any signs of blossoming. The seed was planted last spring."—Mrs. J. A. K.

Chinese Primroses,—and their near relative Primula Abconica—ought to bloom in winter from plants grown from seed the spring before. I do not understand why your plants did not do so. Possibly you gave them too rich a soil. If they were not strong and healthy plants, I would take it for granted that conditions were unfavorable. But they would not be such plants as you describe if unfavorable conditions existed. Be patient, and later on they may reward you with flowers.

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1 box Alvorine Face Powder . . . 25

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1 jar Alvorine Deodorant Cream (destroys all odors of perspiration) . . . 25

Actual value \$1.35

We will send above articles to any address for one dollar postpaid. We will send any one article at regular price postpaid. Our goods are the finest made. We guarantee them pure and harmless, surpassing the highest priced imported articles. Money refunded if not satisfactory.

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try Vite-Ore and see what it will do. It has cured many after the doctors had used all the ordinary medicines. Test it without risk according to the offer on page 2 of this paper.



The Sensational New Pink Hybrid Tea Rose, Queen Beatrice.

Do You Know

There is no month more favorable to the setting out of plants in the open ground than during June? And why not? Is it not the month of Roses? The very best results come from June planting. We do all our planting out this month—and we aim to achieve the greatest possible success.

We are confident there are a great number of Vick's readers who would like to have a flower garden this year, and if they will set aside all fears as to the season being too far advanced and take advantage of this wonderful offer their yards and gardens this year will be a source of keenest pleasure to them and the envy of their less fortunate neighbors to whose attention this great offer may not come.

Dingee's Great June Collection

25 Roses, Geraniums and Other Plants Postpaid for \$1

FOR \$1 we will send postpaid by mail to any Post Office in the U. S., and guarantee safe delivery, twenty-five (25) strong, healthy DINGEE PLANTS, all sure to grow and bloom this year. The collection will comprise 10 choicest hardy, ever-blooming Roses, including the greatest and most sensational new pink Hybrid Tea Rose of recent introduction—QUEEN BEATRICE, the original stock of which is said to have cost \$30,000. This magnificent Rose, producing its gorgeous flowers in amazing profusion is alone worth the price of the entire collection. There will also be included besides 15 high grade miscellaneous plants such as Fuchsias, Geraniums, Guava, Ageratums, Vincas, Swainsonia, Begonias, Hibiscus, Lantanas, Asparagus Sprengeri and Plumosus, Genista, Ferns and many other of the choicest plants in existence.

Take our word for it—and it has nearly sixty years of an honorable business reputation back of it—we will send you the greatest dollar's worth of plants ever sent out.

THE REASON why this offer is made is that we have the stock in large quantities; rather than carry it over until next year we will sell it far below the cost of production. We need the room—our loss is your gain.

Order To-day—A dollar bill—we will be responsible for its safety—will bring the June Collection, fresh and green, ready for garden, yard or house culture. This offer will appear but once. Free for the asking OUR NEW GUIDE TO ROSE CULTURE FOR 1908, The Leading Rose Catalogue of America.

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A five month's old Tricolor Scotch Collie Bitch well bred and marked and exceptionally promising. Price \$35.00. Many other Scotch Collies of Highest Quality and breeding for sale.

A White Wyandotte Male—bred May 1907, exceedingly active and one of the very best birds I have seen.

Price \$30.00 White Wyandotte hens and pullets from \$1.00 up. Males from \$3.00 up. Eggs after June 1st \$2.00 per 15.

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Address all correspondence, CARL G. LOEBER, 1715-1717 Walnut St., Milwaukee, Wis.

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45 VARIETIES BEST POULTRY. Fine large poultry Book 10c. Stock and eggs cheap. Price list free. John E. Heatwole, Harrisonburg, Va.

**BIG POST CARD FREE** If you send 2-cent stamp. Fine sample assortment view cards ten cents. No trash; all colored. LA FRANCE COMPANY, Dept. 4, Bridgeport, Conn.

## DR. THORNBOR'S HERB RENOVATOR

Cures all diseases of the Stomach, Kidneys and Liver. 6-month treatment \$1.00 by mail. J. D. CREEDEN, Wilmington, Ohio.

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Pure American, Northern grown. Seeds and plants for sale. Write us for booklet. COBURN BROS., Perry, Shawnee County, Michigan.

**CARPET SWEEPERS.** The Bissell Ideal have all the latest improvements—Oleo Bearings, Anti-Raveler, etc. Complete in every detail, price \$3.00. Guaranteed to give satisfaction. Enclose a red stamp for our free catalogue and 25 needles. Kirk Supply Co., Dept. E, Youngstown, Ohio.

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(Baffle all evil, O! Rising Sun)

An exact reproduction of the Lucky Star of the Ancient Egyptians. Used by them to ward off evil and protect the household. Fastened on the porch, steps or window it makes an unique and novel ornament and indicates the points of the compass. How few people know just how their house stands in this respect. Do you?

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A. H. FORD  
Mutual Life Bldg., Philadelphia

## With the Publishers

(Continued from page 1)

business, industrial, and professional life, showing what women are doing for the advancement of the common good, and by so doing promoting their own individual welfare, both financially and otherwise.

In many thousands of homes are to be found women and children who would be glad to devote some of their time to some line of congenial activity which would result in adding materially to the family income, or in securing for those thus engaged more of that much-sought-for possession, a sufficiency of "pin money."

In this issue will be several practical articles and also several interesting stories showing how this problem may be solved. The editor will be glad to receive letters from subscribers to the magazine describing different ways in which the writers have successfully engaged in different kinds of home work, and have thereby added materially to their income. Such of these as prove to be of real value will be published in this number of the magazine. Articles for this department of the September number should not exceed two hundred words. The editor's desire is to make this department a sort of an "experience meeting" on this important subject. What you have done with success others may do with equal or greater success; so also what others have done you may be able to do, and even with greater success.

## MR. EDWIN MARKHAM

America's greatest living poet, Edwin Markham, will contribute to the September number of the magazine an article which will be peculiarly appropriate to a Woman's Worth and Work issue. This will be entitled: "Give Her of the Fruit of Her Hands." Though this production is not in the form of verse, it is a veritable prose poem, a most beautiful tribute to the worth of woman, and eloquently demands for her the rightful fruitage and reward of her own industry and toil. No truly progressive woman in the land should fail to secure Vick's Magazine, and thereby favor herself with an opportunity to read and study this classic plea for the sacred rights and privileges of womanhood.

## LATER AUTUMN NUMBERS

Though the sequence in which they will follow has not yet been definitely decided, the three numbers following that for September, as now planned, will have as their principal themes subjects as follows: Welfare Work in Railroad, The Enjoyable Farm Home, and The Alaska Pacific-Yukon Exposition and Country. The leading article of the "Enjoyable Farm Home" number will be a charming delineation of that ever engaging Bible character "Ruth," written by Miss Clara Morris, so well known to fame as one who has delighted two generations of art lovers; one, through her wonderfully successful character portrayals on the dramatic stage, and the other, through her equally successful life and character portrayals with the pen.

## VICK'S AND THE GOOD ROADS CAUSE

The active and effective interest taken by Vick's Magazine in the cause of Good Roads has already attracted the attention of the leading Good Roads advocates throughout the country. The editor is in receipt almost every day of letters from men of this class expressing unqualified commendation and appreciation of what this magazine is doing to foster a strong and aggressive sentiment in favor of an early and wide spread improvement of the public highways of the United States. As an evidence of this appreciation, the editor of this magazine has been invited not only to address the Good Roads Congress to meet in Chicago, June 15, but also to become one of the founding directors of National Good Roads Congress. Other members of this board, are Hon. Arthur C. Jackson, President; Mr. H. H. Gross, an expert in the Office of Public Roads, Washington, D. C., Secretary; Hon. Martin Dodge, former Director of the Office of Public Roads, Washington, D. C., Treasurer; Mr. Frank G. Soule, a

prominent business man of Chicago; Mr. F. C. Donald, President of the Chicago Motor Club, Chairman of the Central Passenger Association, and one of the most popular and best known railroad men in the country; Ex-Gov. N. J. Batchelder of New Hampshire, Master of the National Grange; Congressman George Pearre of Maryland, and Congressman Wm. Sulzer of New York. This organization purposes making from now on a constant, persistent, and aggressive nation-wide campaign for the building and extending of better highways in every state, territory, and island possession over which floats the Stars and Stripes.

This publication will take pleasure from time to time in keeping its readers posted as to the progress of this splendid movement in which all of its readers, old and young, women as well as men, have a deep and abiding interest.

We know that many of our readers wish to become members of this organization and have therefore made arrangements with the officers of the Congress to issue membership certificates to every one who sends us \$2.00 for a Four Year subscription to Vick's Magazine. In addition to receiving big value for the \$2.00, each one accepting this offer has the satisfaction of aiding one of the very best causes in which a public spirited citizen can become interested.

## Prize Contest Announcement

Rev. Geo. L. Story, South Burlington, Vermont, has been declared winner of the prize—a \$10 gold piece—which we offered in our April number to the person who would select the most attractive advertisement in that number and give his or her reasons why in not more than twenty-five words. The following is a copy of Rev. Story's letter including the reasons for his selection.

Prize Editor Vick's Magazine, Dansville, N. Y.

Referring to proposition page 20, April number of Vick's Magazine, would reply as follows:

Barring Vick's advertisement, second cover page, which I think, in justice to outside advertisers, should not enter contest, I make selection of "The Home Herald" advertisement found on page 11, for the following reasons:

- (a) Uniqueness,
- (b) Commanding attention by
- (c) Skillful use of type,
- (d) Proportionate spacing,
- (e) Comprehensive paragraphing,
- (f) Interesting reading matter; not misleading,
- (g) From start to finish tersely stated,
- (h) Requiring action.

Yours truly,  
(Rev.) GEO. L. STORY,  
South Burlington, Vt.

We agree with Rev. Story that in fairness to outside advertisers our own advertisement on the second cover page should not be considered in the contest. We have taken this into consideration in awarding the prize.

CONTEST COMMITTEE.

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I will show you how to remove yours



freckles and the freckles of thousands of others. It will remove yours. It will clear the worst complexion. Write today.

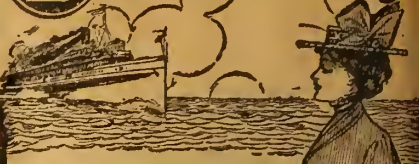
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Vick's three years Only One Dollar

## SHEET MUSIC

Latest popular hits at wholesale, postpaid. When its Moonlight Mary Darling, I Miss You like Roses Miss the Rain, Dolly Dear, Empire Express, Girl Who Threw Me Down, Smarty, When Spring Brings the Roses, I'm Waiting for Summertime and You, Land of Buffalo, Let'er Go, Summer Time, Miss Dixie, Moonlight on the Prairie, Triumphant Banner, Tournament march, When You Love Her and She Loves You, and others. Order now or send for cat. North Shore Music Co., Bx. 282, Huntington, L. I., N. Y.

## The Water Way



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The D. & B. Line steamers leave Detroit week days at 6:00 p. m., Sundays at 4:00 p. m. (central time) and from Buffalo daily at 5:30 p. m. (eastern time) reaching their destination the next morning. Direct connections with early morning trains. Superior service and lowest rates between eastern and western states.

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All classes of tickets sold reading via Michigan Central, Wabash and Grand Trunk railways between Detroit and Buffalo in either direction will be accepted for transportation on D. & B. Line Steamers.

Send two cent stamp for illustrated pamphlet and Map of Great Lakes. Address, L. G. Lewis, G. P. A., Detroit, Mich.

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## FREE TO LADIES

5,000 "Polar Star" Ice Cream Freezers to be Given Away—You Can Have One.



The Polar Star Ice Cream Freezer is a wonder. It's the quickest freezer for it freezes the cream in five minutes.

It's the cleanest for it is all steel—no wooden bucket to become water soaked and rotten.

It is the most sanitary.

It is the simplest for there are no cogs to break.

It's the highest freezer made, and the easiest to keep clean.

It holds two quarts, enough for 12 people.

It requires little ice, and is exceptionally fine for freezing custards, ices, sherbets, etc.

It is guaranteed and is "worth its weight in gold."

I will give you one of these freezers for a little pleasant work. Thousands of ladies have done this work. It is so easy you will be surprised. Write to-day for full particulars.

A. M. Piper, 104 Popular Bldg., Des Moines, Iowa.

## NOTICE EVERYBODY

A recipe worth many dollars to every Man, Woman and Child given free. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope.

M. M. ENDERS, Lynch, Nebraska.

## FACE WASH

Mrs. Bradley's Face Wash is guaranteed to remove moths, freckles, pimples, blackheads. Prevents wrinkles, oiliness and aging of the skin. Makes it soft white and beautiful. By mail 25c. Agents wanted.

MRS. C. S. BRADLEY, A 1921 Western Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

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Tell a Friend About It

If you have neighbors who are ailing in any way, show them the Vita-Ore advertisement on page 2 of this paper. They can try it without a penny risk and you will be doing them a big favor when it helps them.





## TEXAS PANHANDLE NOW OPEN!

Open to Settlers — Open to Investors

And you do not have to homestead this land, you do not have to live on it, nor even place your foot upon it to own it.

The stupendously rich virgin soil of the Panhandle, the vast ranges, are now being cut into farms; towns are springing up; thousands of miles of railroad are projected. The land (still to be had at the ground floor price) is on the eve of perhaps the greatest and most phenomenal rise in land values the country has ever seen.

### \$8.00 a Month

**Clinches a Panhandle farm—guaranteed** absolutely choice soil; no stumps, no rocks, no sand, all tight, level, chocolate loam soil, needing only the plow to convert it tomorrow into a profit making farm. **\$8.00 a month**—absolutely on the savings bank plan—no interest, no taxes, no recording fees, no brokerage—**not one cent down, just your \$8.00 a month**—and the ground floor price on every acre.

formation on land values. The book also explains \$8.00 a month terms without a cent of capital down. Everybody can afford to save \$8.00 a month. Now is your opportunity.

**EDWARD M. NOLEN,** Immigration Agent, 1171 First Nat'l Bank Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

# Be Independent!

**INSIST ON YOUR BIRTHRIGHT**  
**Demand YOUR share of America's Virgin Soil—Every man is entitled to it, no matter whether he wants to live on the land or not**

**Men and women, fathers, wives and mothers**—do you want financial independence?—Prosperity!—Protection for your old age!—**an income ASSURED** for yourselves, your children and your children's children?

**THEN READ THIS**—See how you can put your savings (without money down) into the most **wonderful profit-bringing** proposition in the world—and **safer** than the safest national bank. Learn how, without capital, just the savings bank plan, you can **become a LAND OWNER**—owner of a farm in America's **most promising soil**.

**SO WRITE TODAY**—for the free book which explains this offer.

## No Money Down

Then \$8.00 a month will make you a land-owner in the wonderful virgin soil of Texas. No interest, no taxes, no brokerage. You do not have to homestead the land to get a clear title.

**SPECIAL  
OFFER TO  
READERS OF  
VICK'S  
MAGAZINE**

## Beats Any Bank!

Just think how people pinch themselves to save their pennies, to put them in the bank for 3% or 4% interest, and even then, sometimes, the banker takes the money—and the bank fails. Compare this with the golden opportunity of securing immense profits on your own land, which is **rising, rising, RISING** in value.

Geo. K. Holmes, Chief of the Division of Foreign Markets, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., says: "There is no bank that is more sure and safe than a farm." If you own land your credit is established anywhere and everywhere.

And when you can get such a farm on virgin soil, a land where settlers are pouring in by the hundred thousands, where railroads are projecting vast enterprises, just think what that golden opportunity means to you! To you right now!

## The Rock Island Ry. Wants These Lands Settled

**The main line** of the Rock Island Railway runs right through the Panhandle land. While the railway is not selling these lands which are offered by Immigration Agent Nolen, you can readily see how important it is to the railway to see this country bought up by settlers or by investors who own small tracts and who either expect to settle there later themselves or will sell to settlers. **Never before have such remarkably easy terms been made to small investors, and the ground floor prices besides, even to the smallest buyers. Now is the time to get the very, very choicest tracts.**

## Write For Free Book On the Texas Panhandle

This valuable book tells you about the Panhandle, tells you how farms in Oklahoma, just across the state line, were opened to the public and rose in a few years to thrice, fourfold, yes, fivefold their purchase price. This book describes the soil, the climate, the towns, the railroad activities of northern Texas and gives accurate, authoritative information on how and why the **choicest** farms are now being offered on \$8.00 a month terms without a cent of capital down. Everybody can afford to save \$8.00 a month. Now is your opportunity.

Dear Mr. Nolen—Without any obligations please send me the free booklet on the Texas Panhandle and full explanation of the no-money-down \$8.00 a month offer on the choicest Panhandle farms.

Name..... Address.....

**No letter necessary. Coupon will do.**

FREE—A copy of the Southwest Trail, a magazine published by the Rock Island Ry. and telling about the wonderful opportunities in the southwest, sent free when you send your name and address.



# CANCER CAN BE CURED

**At Home With My Mild Combination Treatment. It is not a New Remedy; It Has Experience of Years Back of It.**

I have spent my entire professional life in the treatment of Cancer. I have so perfected my Mild Combination Treatment that I can furnish to any sufferer positive proof and scores of testimonials showing that my treatment quickly destroys the cancerous growth, and at the same time eliminates the poison from the system, thus preventing a return of the deadly disease.

My Mild Combination Treatment has cured scores of cases where all other methods which had been used failed. This is especially gratifying when it is known that Cancer is increasing at an alarming rate, the disease having quadrupled itself in the last forty years, statistics showing that it alone causes thousands of deaths yearly in the United States. Cancer is a dreadful disease, and



DR. O. A. JOHNSON

## THERE IS NOTHING MORE CERTAIN

than that if a single cell of the disease remains after treatment it will soon reappear and effect the new surrounding tissues. There must be **complete eradication** of every diseased cancer cell. By my Mild Combination Treatment, which has worked wonders in many cases thought to be incurable, the entire cancer has been destroyed, and the necessity for a painful or dangerous operation avoided.

## IT WILL COST NOTHING

to secure my professional opinion, the length of time required to effect a cure, and whether it would be necessary to visit Kansas City and obtain my personal attention and personal treatment. I have a large number of testimonials from grateful persons who have been restored to health through using my Mild Combination Treatment among whom are the following:

### CURED OF CANCER OF BREAST IN 10 WEEKS

I feel it my duty to tell others of your wonderful success. I had a cancer the size of a half-dollar, for three years. After consulting two ladies and one man in our town, whom you had cured, I lost no time in putting myself under your treatment. I am, after ten week's treatment, cured and in the best of health.

MRS. E. L. WOOD, FERRY, IA.

### CANCER ON SIDE OF JAW LARGE AS A DOLLAR CURED IN 3 WEEKS

I write to let you know that the Cancer which you treated for three weeks beginning April 26, 1905, is entirely cured. I am much pleased with the success of your treatment and want to say to all suffering with cancer not to be discouraged but try Dr. Johnson and be cured.

M. MYERS, 521 N. Kansas Ave., Topeka, Kans.

### CANCER OF BREAST, FOUR YEARS STANDING, CURED IN A FEW WEEKS

I inform you, with great pleasure that I am now cured of a very bad Cancer in the Breast of four years standing. Four doctors, two of them specialists, gave me no relief and I was badly disheartened. I tried your Mild Combination Treatment and it did what you claim. I know you can cure cancer for you cured my mother also.

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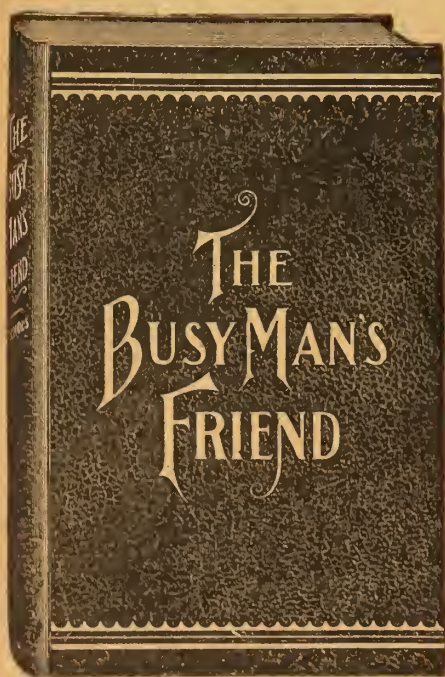
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## Baby's Outfit and How to Make It

By Lauretta Miller

Were the census enumerator to make a careful investigation, he would doubtless find that July and August are great months for the coming of the stork. This



Diagram A

fact, taken together with the other one that but little embroidery work is done during the summer months, constrains the writer this month to give special attention to the little strangers who make their entrance into the world during the gladsome summer time.

Naturally, one would not expect to find much change in the making of infant's wear, and this undoubtedly is true as regards mere style, but of recent years hygienic methods touching upon the comfort and health of the child have been given more consideration than elaborate clothes.

Patterns for the infant's sets are easy to secure from the leading pattern concerns, that include a dress, slip or nightgown, a wrapper, a skirt and a pinning blanket. Illustrations will be given of the most desirable of these, and thus one may gather from the experience of other mothers suggestions that will prove of great advantage.

The long, cumbersome garments for infants have been discarded, and the three-quarter or short lengths are now used. The child is easier to handle and much more comfortable, and the laundrying, which is an item to be considered whether this is done by the mother or servants, is not such a burden.

As buttons and buttonholes are not desirable except on the dresses, slips and outer garments, it is usual to tie or pin.

### Pinning Blanket

Diagram A shows the body of one that is tied with wide tapes. The body should be cut from long-cloth or cambric. The edges may be bound or faced. Of these two methods the former is preferred, but it will be found most satisfactory to make the body double. For this purpose twice the quantity of material called for in the pattern will be necessary and two body portions cut out. Join the shoulder seams of each portion and press open. Then lay the two body portions evenly together, the shoulder seams of both toward the outside, and stitch around the outer edge except at the points at the edge and the space between the notches that indicate the part to be left open to insert the upper edge of the skirt or pinning blanket. After being stitched, the two body parts are turned to bring the seams inside. The edges at the pointed ends are turned in and a piece of tape about three-fourths of an inch slipped in each opening and the edges sewed down. The edges around the waist are then pressed flat and stitched. Baste around

the armholes about one inch in from the edge to keep the portions evenly together. Notch the raw edges, turn them evenly, baste together and stitch by machine and over-hand the folded edges for a neat finish. The opening at the side should be bound with tape.

The skirt to this garment is open in front, the hems finished with a feather stitch. (Diagram B.)

### Night Gown

Cut the front and back portions with the straight edge of the pattern on the lengthwise fold of the material, which may be nainsook. The ordinary bishop sleeve (Diagram I) is generally used, but the Vassar sleeve is growing in favor with many mothers as there is no sleeve or armhole to bind the infant, and this style thus readily adjusts itself to the rapidly growing child.

Finish the neck with a narrow strip of the material to form a casing, and put in a fine bobbin tape; or the goods may be gathered to a narrow band, and button and buttonhole placed in same.

However, unless the band is made large it will soon be too tight. A lace edging is a softer finish than embroidery and wears fully as well.

### Dresses

The round yoke (Diagram K) is especially favored for infant's dresses because it is very becoming and there is plenty of room across the chest to allow for growth. A dress made in this style is thus well adapted to the cutting down process in making short clothes. The finest quality of wash materials is used for infant's dresses, Persian, India or Victoria lawn, dimity, batiste, etc. These combined with dainty lace or embroidery and fancy stitches give most satisfactory results. Clusters of fine tucks with featherstitching between, are pleasing. Rolled and whipped ruffles edged with lace are very delicate and attractive.

Place the front and back portions on the lengthwise fold of the goods, placing carefully and accurately; follow all directions on the pattern. French seams are used throughout the garment, and an inch tuck or several small tucks are made in the upper portion of the sleeve; they can be taken out as extra length is needed. For this purpose the sleeve should be cut longer than the pattern and the tucks put in after it has been seamed.



Diagram K



Diagram I



## Two Great Road Congresses

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the progressive Good Roads movement. It is surely a matter of tremendous import that, in the United States, bad roads are directly responsible for the loss of over a billion dollars a year. The saving of this stupendous sum constitutes an economic question of very much greater importance than the tariff or currency. Thirty-four Governors have thus far signed the call for the Congresses and by the time you go to press for your June number, the mayors of one hundred cities will appear thereon.

I am very much interested in the work you are doing in behalf of the Good Roads movement, and I hope you will authorize me to add your name to the call for the National Congress. You ask me for a short statement of what one thing in my judgment will be most effective in advancing the vastly important cause of Good Roads. In reply thereto, I unhesitatingly say to you, that in my opinion the one thing which would be most effective would be the passage by Congress of the Sulzer Bill, introduced by Congressman Sulzer, of New York, and several other Congressmen. As it is a short bill, and of such great importance in this movement for Good Roads, I hope you will publish it entire as my answer to your question. It is as follows:

A Bill (16627) to promote the construction of good roads and the efficiency of the postal service in the States and Territories of the United States.

Be it enacted, etc., That upon the application of the proper authorities representing any State or Territory of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury shall loan to such State or Territory for the construction or improvement of post-roads within such State or Territory and outside the limits of any city or incorporated village the actual cost of such construction or improvement: *Provided*, That the construction or improvement of said post-roads shall be under the general supervision of the Post Office Department and according to specifications approved by it, and the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized and directed to make all needful rules and regulations relating thereto: *Provided further*, That one twenty-fifth part of all money received from the United States Government under the provisions of this act shall be each year returned to the Treasury of the United States by the State or Territory receiving the same, until the whole amount received by such State or Territory shall have been returned.

SEC. 2. That no interest shall be charged upon money loaned under the provisions of this act when return to the Treasury is promptly made as provided for by this act, but a 5 per cent per annum interest charge shall be added to all delinquent payments. And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to make all necessary arrangements with the States and Territories with respect to said loan.

SEC. 3. That the President is directed to cause to be laid before Congress, as soon as convenience will permit after the commencement of each session, a statement of all proceedings under this act.

SEC. 4. That this act shall take effect immediately.

## Pulpit Talks

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more time in parting his frizzled hair in the middle of his silly head than he thinks of the serious affairs of life. Don't marry a weak effeminate man, a "Lizzy" or a "Jane." Marry a man, one with both brain and brawn. Marry your equal, not beneath nor above you, socially, intellectually, morally. Marry a man, a pure minded, whole-hearted, cultured, Christian gentleman, one who speaks reverently of the dear old mother who bore him and toiled all her life for him; who is never ashamed to kiss that mother; who talks with true respect of "father" and enters heartily into his plans, making an honest effort to help lift and bear his cares and burden of toil; who respects his sisters and all other women, and who seeks your love to the end and purpose that he and you in happy union may be the makers of earth's nearest semblance to heaven—a happy home.

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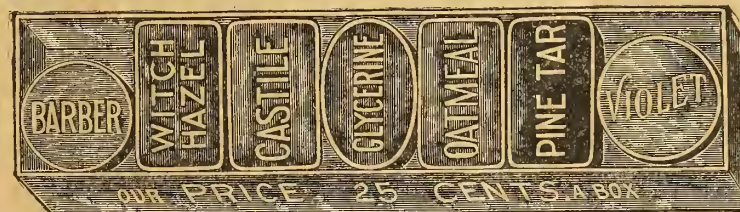
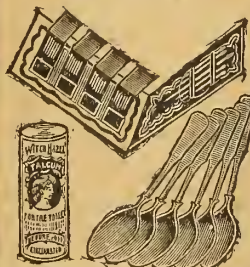
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## The Pink Brocade

(Continued from page 8)

hath she spent over it to keep it tidy and straight as becomes a member of her household."

"And all for naught," laughed Dorothy, unloosening the tight bands that confined it, when it fell in loose, tangled curls, that a little careful brushing soon made smooth and tidy.

"There, love, now we are ready for Mistress Wentworth's supper table, and I for one am ready to do full justice to her bounty."

Holding her new-found cousin's hand Deliverance slowly descended the broad stairs, to be welcomed by stately Mistress Wentworth.

After such a feast as Deliverance had never known before, she sat in the drawing-room between the Judge and Mistress Wentworth listening to Dorothy who was softly playing the harpsichord, until her eyes were heavy with sleep and she could no longer reply to the kind inquiries of Mistress Wentworth; and, at a sign from his hostess, Judge Dillingham gathered the childish form in his arms, and carried her to the room she and her cousin were to occupy.

When the daily stage from Portsmouth to Boston stopped at the Wentworth Mansion the next morning, a demure little maid, dressed in the pink brocade, with her brown curls falling around her face, came forth between the Judge and his daughter. Her eyes shone with the happiness of the morning, but the hand clasping Dorothy's tightened its hold, as she beheld so many of her neighbors gathered to bid her farewell.

The Judge, aroused from thought by the low murmur of admiration from the crowd, as they recognized Deliverance, looked down upon her attire doubtfully.

"Truly, Dorothy," he remarked. "Did you not bring something more seemly for the child's journey than this costly and showy attire that I am afraid may attract much attention ere we reach Boston Town."

Deliverance shrank a little closer to Dorothy as she heard his words, but with a reassuring clasp of the little hand, Dorothy answered.

"In truth, Sir, it will not be so unseemly as you think. When we are once upon the way I will wrap her in my gray travelling cloak! I was fain to have the child, in leaving forever the old life, leave it arrayed as is fit and proper for her father's heiress. Yes, I wished her father's gift to be to her the rose-colored promise of her future."

And so, arrayed in the pink brocade, Deliverance Ainsworth passed from the old life of sorrow, toil and bitterness, into the new life that proved far happier than she had ever hoped or thought could be.

## Unchaperoned in Spain

(Continued from page 3)

Spain, and already its definite outlines added weirdness to her terrors. Still, these people had not touched her—not a hair of her head, not a fold of her gown—though their tobacco and garlic-laden breaths smote her cheek, and their shaken fists almost grazed her face in their nearness. She was a dauntless little creature, and, after the first shock, could observe this and take comfort from the fact—but not for long.

Suddenly something grazed her cheek, her hat was tipped over her eyes, she was whirled roughly about, a handful of mud broke against her side.

In one agonizing instant she realized that all restraint was over; she was lost. She had not made a sound, so far. Dazed, astonished, outraged, but seemingly as calm as a statue, she had stood and faced them. Now her spirit broke. Throwing up her arms despairingly, she cried to the darkening heavens, "O my God! must I die like this? Will nobody help me?"

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## All About It?

Do you know what sickness is? You may have been told that you have some disease; perhaps you have. You may have several, but what is disease? It is either vital action in excess or abnormal vital action. It is simply the organs overworked, or they may have been so overworked that they have stopped. Why are they overworked? It is because the waste and broken down tissues of the body are not disposed of properly in the right way. Take my advice, drop the medicines you are using, forget all your aches and pains and use my 30 day free trial of KO-RO-NO. Why should you not get entirely well as many others have? KO-RO-NO is a simple vegetable remedy and cannot do any one any harm.

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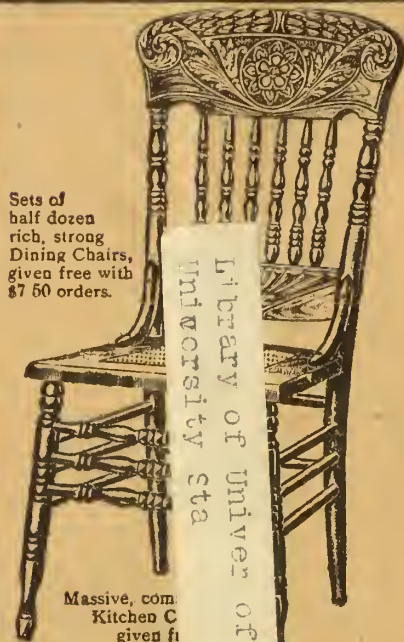
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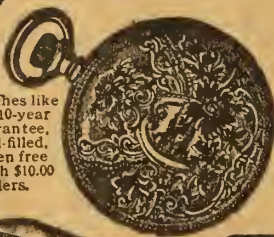


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**Our Vacation Numbers.** In view of the fact that general advertisers place but very little copy during the summer months, and our readers are very busy with their outdoor pursuits, we have decided to reduce the number of pages somewhat in keeping with the less volume of business for the months of July and August. Though the quantity of matter in this issue and that for August will be found to be somewhat less than usual, our readers will observe that the quality thereof is fully up to the standard, if not better than in any preceding number. Beginning with September the usual number of pages will be issued, a beautiful cover in colors will make its appearance, and the subject matter, illustrations and general tone will be far superior to anything heretofore achieved in the columns of VICK'S MAGAZINE.

**Welcome Oklahoma.** In this patriotic month of July, it is fitting that special attention be given to the last great commonwealth to be admitted into the American sisterhood of States. As all our readers know, this distinction belongs to Oklahoma, which justly and rightly might be termed "the marvel state," in part because of the fascinating and weird traditions, legends, and folklore of its one-time Indian life, but chiefly by reason of the lightning-like rapidity with which, at almost a single bound, it leaped from a condition akin to civic nothingness up to an assured position as one of the greatest commonwealths ever brought into being.

**Acknowledgment.** The Publishers of VICK'S MAGAZINE are under obligations to the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Ry. Co. for the plate from which is printed the splendid berrying scene appearing on our first cover page this month; also to the same company for illustrations of Oklahoma scenes appearing in connection with the article entitled, "Oklahoma, the Marvel State." We are also indebted to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Company for illustrations used in connection with Mr. Jesse B. Taylor's excellent article, entitled, "Reads Like a Romance."

**A State in the Lime Light.** Not only by reason of its great advance in a business, commercial, and industrial way, has Oklahoma become one of the seven modern wonders, but her people have attracted to themselves world-wide attention on account of what they have done and are doing to solve, along advanced lines, the great problem of representative government. Good people, not a few, look with much apprehension upon many of the innovations for the first time embodied in a state constitution by the people of Oklahoma, as extremely radical, dangerous, and inimical to the public welfare. While this is true, there are many other good people, equally honest and sincere, who most earnestly and enthusiastically endorse these innovations and believe that the example set by Oklahoma in this regard may wisely be followed by all of the other states of the union. Whichever of these two classes of observers may be right, all will agree that Oklahoma is today the American social, civic, and economic experiment station. All fair-minded men and women, whether Conservative or Radical, Socialist or Capitalist, Progressive or Reactionary, will watch the experiment going forward in the new state with unfailing interest and with a hope that the results therefrom will be for the common good.

**Time For Toleration.** Now that the quadrennial political pot has begun again to boil and seethe, it is a fitting time for all good citizens to pause and reflect before entering into the conflict of political strife and rivalry, and remember that, though we find ourselves divided into different parties and factions, we are all nevertheless human beings and citizens of one country and members of the family of mankind. There is no reason why we may not so remain during the pending political campaign, even though we may differ widely upon questions of social, civic, and economic policy. It is naturally to be expected that in the heat of debate on the stump there will be many exchanges of heavy body blows between the contestants who will take part in the fray; much of criticism; sometimes, unfortunately, much of scathing denunciation and vituperative invective, many brilliant sallies of wit, and much of telling repartee and retort, all of which will have a tendency to engender bitterness and often ill feeling between the combatants.

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# A Talk on Money Matters

Of Interest to all Who want to Save Money and Make Money

By C. TOWNSEND WELLS

A Sunday School Superintendent was giving a talk to the children. During his course of remarks he said: "I want all the boys and girls who wish to go to Heaven when they die, to hold up their hands." All the children promptly held up their hands except one little boy back in the far corner. The Superintendent addressed the boy in a somewhat surprised tone: "Why, Johnny, don't you want to go to Heaven, too?" The answer came back promptly: "No Siree, not if all that crowd's a'go'in."

The boy probably had some very vague ideas about Heaven but his answer indicated that he did his own thinking—he didn't believe in simply "following the crowd."

Sometimes it is wise to follow the crowd: sometimes it isn't. When money matters are under consideration, DON'T follow the crowd. If you do you'll be poor all your life. The people who rise above the common level, financially, and gain a competence, are invariably the people who do their own thinking. They may have very meagre incomes to start, but they know how to use those meagre incomes. They don't simply follow the crowd, and spend every cent they make because they think it is necessary.

Most people living on small incomes argue to themselves that there is no use in trying to "get ahead." They think that the small amount per week or month that they could save would be so small as to be useless. That's where they make a big, big mistake. They try to have a good time by using every cent they can lay hands on, simply because it seems like too great a sacrifice to lay by a dollar a month. They lack the proper ambition.

Someone has said, "A man without an ambition is a derelict, dangerous to others and of no value to himself." That's pretty nearly true, too. When a man is resigned to Fate, his resignation is generally accepted. Promotion never comes because he never seeks it and he finally gets discouraged and "quits."

Now this is the point I am trying to bring out; EVERY person should make it a RULE—and a good, solid, steadfast rule—to save a certain percentage of his income and put this saving where it will be safe and where it will produce the maximum amount of interest consistent with safety.

Don't say you can't. You CAN. It may seem hard at first, but you'll soon get accustomed to it; and after you learn HOW to save and HOW to make your savings WORK for you, it will not be very long before you will be surprised to find how rapidly your savings are accumulating. You can't believe it until you try it.

Drive the plug into your expenses. Stop the leaks. Then figure frequently and carefully your expense items. You'll soon find lots of ways to save.

In the midst of battle one of Napoleon's marshals rushed up and explained excitedly: "Sire, we have taken a battery!" "Take another," was the laconic response. This little incident shows one of the characteristics which made Napoleon a LEADER instead of a FOLLOWER.

Now, after the first battle between expenses and economy has been won, don't be satisfied. Keep at it. Get the habit. Then you'll soon be on the road to fortune. Don't be afraid to build an air castle, but don't forget to put a foundation under it after you have it built.

Now, the question arises: how are you going to know what to do with your money after you have begun to save. The problem is a little hard I'll admit. You don't want to put it in a bank because the bank pays only 3 or 4 per cent interest and you can never make money at that rate. You can't put it into a business of your own because it takes probably a thousand or several thousand dollars to start a business. You don't want to put it into stock unless you have a chance to buy stock at par, or nearly par, in a SOLID Company that is SURE to pay big dividends.

Such opportunities are very rare.

What are you going to do?

Well, space is too limited here to tell you what to do, but I can tell you how to find out. I have made a study of this problem and I believe I have solved it. I have a book which deals with this problem in detail. It tells how any person who can save one dollar or more a month can start on the road to wealth. It will tell you HOW to save and WHERE to put your money after you have saved it. This book should be worth hundreds of dollars to you and you should have a copy whether you have much or little spare money.

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## THE CONSTITUTION OF OKLAHOMA

BY SENATOR OWEN



THE Constitution of Oklahoma is a new Declaration of Independance. It differs from other constitutions in the United States by adding in the bill of rights a new and important declaration, to-wit:—That, in addition to the right of "life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness," the people shall have the further right of "The enjoyment of the gains of their own industry."

To vitalize and make effective the enjoyment of this right the Oklahoma constitution has established the Initiative and Referendum, and laws have been passed to make it effective.

It has provided for a mandatory primary and these provisions will prevent the formation of corrupt political organizations that have been the bane of other States, and which have been a potent instrumentality by which selfish interests and monopoly have deprived the people of,—"The enjoyment of the gains of their own industry."

Since the right to "The enjoyment of the gains of their own industry" has been artfully defeated by monopolies, the Oklahoma Constitution declares that "monopolies are contrary to the genius of a free government and shall never be allowed."

To make effective this declaration against monopoly the constitution not only provided the Initiative and Referendum, which puts and retains all power in the hands of the people when they choose to exercise it, but it goes further and prevents the legislature from passing special laws that could be used to shelter monopoly.

It does more; it provides for complete visitorial and inquisitorial powers over all public service corporations, railroads, pipelines, car companies, express, telephone, or telegraph companies, and over all corporations doing business in the State; it provides complete publicity, and in order to insure publicity it makes further provision that no man called upon to give his evidence shall be allowed to excuse himself on the constitutional ground that he fears to incriminate himself, and makes this effective by providing that no man giving testimony upon the demand of the State shall incriminate himself. It forbids discrimi-



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nation in prices by monopoly between one part of the State and another part of the State. It forbids one corporation to own the stock of another. It requires corporations to arbitrate with employees, as provided by law. It forbids them to contribute to elections. It does not allow them to hide behind the common law fellow-servant rule. It requires them to deal justly with the people of the State and affords to corporations complete protection in the State, so that they have no right to complain of injustice.

## EDUCATION

The educational institutions of Oklahoma are the pride of the State, and it has proposed to make the educational institutions of Oklahoma the best in the Union

## GOOD ROADS

Oklahoma has established a department of highways and it has proposed to take a leading place among the States of the Union in the development of the roads of the State.

## CITY GOVERNMENT

The cities of Oklahoma of two thousand or more may make their own charter for their own self-government, and the Initiative and Referendum applies in such cities so that corrupt municipal politics will be prevented.

## LABOR

Eight hours shall constitute a day's work in all cases of employment by and on behalf of the State, or any county or municipality.

Convict labor cannot be contracted.

Child labor is prohibited under the age of fifteen in any occupation injurious to health or morals or especially hazardous to life or limb. Boys under sixteen and women and girls shall not be employed underground in the operation of mines. The life and safety of employees is protected by law.

The defense of contributory negligence is made a question of fact to be left to the jury.

The right to recover damages for injuries resulting in death cannot be abrogated and the amount recoverable is not subject to statutory limitation.

No person can waive his constitutional rights by contract.

Property is taxed in Oklahoma at its fair value, based upon voluntary sale, and tax-dodging is made impossible, so far as human agencies can provide.

These are a few of the principles of free government which are validated and made effective by the noblest people ever gathered together in any commonwealth on earth, the Citizens of Oklahoma.

## All Hail to Oklahoma!

By John Kendrick Banks in Harper's Weekly

Here's hurrah for Oklahoma, Uncle Sammy's newest State!  
She's a busting fine addition to the U. S. Syndicate,  
And she's mighty, mighty welcome, as she steps aboard the van;  
So it's Ho for Oklahoma, Oklahoma spick and span!

She's been waiting with a patience that's a credit to her fame  
For to see the Constellation with a star tacked to her name,  
And we're mighty glad to see her in the bright and starry band;  
So it's Ho for Oklahoma, Oklahoma, here's a hand!

In her soil as yet uncounted lie the greatest stores of wealth;  
In her air so crisp and bracing is an endless store of health;  
In her people there are neighbors who will fill your life with zest;  
So it's Ho for Oklahoma, Oklahoma of the West!

'Tis a pretty gift for Christmas that they've brought the U. S. A.,  
And a cause for glad thanksgiving on the glad Thanksgiving day,  
And the flag that waves above us takes a brighter, fairer hue  
When we think of Oklahoma. Oklahoma, here's to you!



# UNCHAPERONED IN SPAIN

BY FANNIE E. NEWBERRY—Author of the *Wrestler of Phillippi*

## SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS

A widow, Mrs. Germaine, her daughter, Miss Constance, a son Jack, about thirteen, and a young lady friend of the family, Miss Alicia Van Tui, are touring Europe. At Paris they form the acquaintance of a callow youth, Mr. Morris Berrien, who attaches himself to their party, becomes infatuated with Miss Constance, and begins eagerly to press his suit for her hand. The mother regards the proposed alliance with favor, but not so the daughter. She can not endure him. On the day preceding a bull fight at Seville, Spain, Constance denounces bull fighting and refuses to attend the next day and proposes to leave the party and go unattended and alone on to a little provincial town in the hills several miles distant, Uvatura by name. Her mother at first strenuously opposes her going, but finally consents. The next morning, escorted by her brother Jack, she takes the train and soon arrives at the little hamlet. After partaking of a most unpalatable breakfast, she goes alone out into the country that she might be all alone for the day. Late in the afternoon she returns to the village, approaches a fruit stand, but so insulting and offensive in their bearing toward her, are the idlers about the place, she hastens back to the inn, only to be assailed by the rabble of men and women there gathered. Seeing herself in grave danger, she cries out in her agony and terror: O my God! Must I die like this? Will nobody help me? Then comes an answer in her own mother tongue: "Yes, yes, I am here. Where are you? What is it?"

## CHAPTER III

**I**N THE wonder and faintness of her intense relief, Constance felt, rather than saw, the crowd flung from side to side; a stalwart shape stood beside her; a stern voice, in "book-Spanish," uttered a few rapid sentences; a strong arm steadied her waist, and she was drawn quickly away by some one whose other arm shot out right and left, like a flail at work, till the mass yielded to superior brain and brawn and let them through.

One voice—a woman's—flung after them that strange word, first heard today, when, clasping Constance more closely, her rescuer shot back one sentence in patois, short, sharp, and full of intense meaning, which seemed convincing, for not another sound was heard.

He walked her rapidly to a turn, then gently seated her upon something, and, breathing hard from his exertions, leaned against a wall. Arising, she clung to his hand in terror, murmuring, "Oh, let us go on!"

"No, you are perfectly safe here. Rest a minute. Heavens! I was just in time. Are you hurt?"

"No." Her voice broke pitifully, but she controlled it. "I can not understand it at all, sir, but I thank you from my heart."

"Yes, you must trust me, too. It was simply because you were alone, I imagine. I heard of you this morning. You have left your party?"

"Yes, for the day. They are at Seville, and coming on the train—it is time now."

"Ah! that wretched accommodation is invariably late."

"And I never dreamed of this."

"Of course not! You are an American girl?"

"Yes."

"That explains. I am Lawrence Atwood, an artist from Boston. My mother and I are living in a cottage on the further slope of the bluff. I want to take you to her. Then I will wait for your people at the posada. Can you trust me?"

"I can, I do."

"Thank you."

As she rose, he drew her hand within his arm, and without further words led her to his home. She was trembling, he knew, and battling with tears, as he felt, and he respected her weakness. Presently she noted a window, with a cheery glow shining through sheer curtains of white. He led her to the door, but she drew back. "Please explain first," she whispered, between her teeth, to keep back the sobs.

"Wait here, then, if you will."

He seated her on the step and went inside, leaving the door ajar. In an incredibly short time he reappeared, followed by another, a lady. Constance had a swift vision of a sweet face below white hair, then, worn to exhaustion, she slid into semi-unconsciousness in the soft shelter of motherly arms.

Waiting but a moment, to assure himself that the young lady would not require the services of a physician, Atwood spoke a sentence, or two aside with his mother, then started briskly back for the posada. He was an athletic man of superb proportions, and as he swung along at a rousing pace his footsteps rang sharply on the rocky soil. The sound of them struck terror to the hearts of the guilty group before the inn, and they quickly melted away into the darkness, until the small lighted space beneath the smoky lantern of the gateway was quite empty as he reached it.

He smiled sardonically as he pushed inside and confronted the silent group huddled in the dingy calle. Striding close to them, he fixed the miserable pasadero with stern eyes, and began speaking in the patois in a cold, passionless tone, much more effective with this people than any show of temper.

"Why," he asked, "have you so treated the noble senorita?"

"Noble senorita!" sneered the wretch. "She was a—"

"Don't you dare speak it!" thundered Atwood, with a movement forward before which the whole group shrank and cowered like frightened sheep. "She is a noble lady, I tell you—a princess of America."

"Does a princess of America have, then, no friends,

no servants, no cortege?" shrieked the hag-wife, rallying a bit. "These, truly, are strange ways!"

"Yes, strange to you because you are ignorant. An American princess is so high and mighty, she dare go anywhere alone. She fears nobody, nothing! But mark you! Always—everywhere there are friends close and ready, who will not let her suffer real harm. She is always protected." The two recalled the dauntless bearing of Constance, and the instantaneous answer of Atwood to her very first cry for help, and were silenced for the instant. Then the landlord awoke.

"But you were a stranger," he argued, and the artist had to summon his wits in order to respond. "Americans are never strangers—to each other."

"But has your princess no other friends, or people? Is she all alone in a strange land?" questioned the woman sharply.

Atwood smiled. He had heard the whistle of the accommodation some minutes since, and was listening intently.

"She is not alone," he said confidently. "She has powerful friends, who are even now at your door," and, as he spoke, there floated in the sounds of wheels, of voices—the rattling of harness, the cry of an impatient vetturino.

Atwood's eyes were on the pasadero's face, and he saw that swart countenance fade into a greenish grey, while the sinister eyes were widened in terror. The artist stepped forward with a dramatic gesture.

"Behold them!" he said, as there poured in Mrs. Germaine, Alicia, their maid, Jack, Berrien and two other gentlemen who had joined their party for this side trip through southern Spain.

To the eyes of the subdued owner they seemed to fill his house and take complete possession. That they should also put him to death, and burn the building above his head, seemed well within the probabilities. He cast a beseeching glance at Atwood, who was modestly withdrawing into the outer shadow. He was at least a familiar presence, if a terrible one.

"Do not leave me!" he implored. "I cannot speak the English, and my wife is much afraid."

Atwood, with an effort, restrained his laughter. "My wife," indeed! Even from the days of Adam it has been the woman who must bear the blame.

"I'm here," he said proudly, "and will see that you have justice. Go forward, man!" for the bewildered party were calling for the landlord, and demanding to know if Miss Germaine were present, all in a breath.

Atwood, perforce, took the floor and explained the

situation, softening his story as much as possible. Then added in rapid English—"And, for the benefit of future travellers, I would suggest that you repay these people in kind. Make some demonstration to frighten them as she has been frightened. It is the only way to impress their benighted minds. Have you any weapons with you? Anything would do, so it'll not really go off."

Before he could finish Jack had whipped out a toy dagger and now, with the yell of an Apache, sprang towards the huddled group. The boy was so enraged for his sister that he did it well and, as if this were a concerted signal, each broke into some demonstration. Mrs. Germaine shrieked and raved, Alicia, tall and stern as a young goddess, threw out a long arm and seemed invoking curses from above, though she was only repeating one of Riley's poems. The two strange men produced formidable revolvers, while Berrien flourished his cane and hopped about like an angry rooster.

It was effective. The terrified inn people felt their hour had come, and literally fell over each other in frantic, but futile, efforts to run and hide, begging frenziedly for mercy. When Atwood thought them sufficiently subdued he sprang forward, and cried in Spanish—"Do not kill this people, even if they deserve it!" The late-comers seemed to demur, each of the men standing threateningly over a selected victim, for none had been allowed to escape. A short parley followed, then Atwood said in patois, "These lords and ladies have agreed to grant you mercy, on one condition. They will spare your lives if you go at once and make ready the rooms they need tonight, also prepare them a good, hot supper, and mind you! the beds must be clean and the food of the best. Now go, and be quick about it!"

They needed no second bidding. Each flew to his task, and as the last petticoat whisked out of sight, Alicia cried, breathlessly, "I feel as if I'd been acting in opera bouffe! But poor Connie! It was anything but funny for her, I fear!"

Atwood answered gravely. "You are right, Miss—"

"Van Tui!" quickly supplied Alicia. "First friend to the rescued party, let me introduce you to her mother and these brave knights who are ready to defend her with their lives, you see—Jack, for mercy's sake, put up that dagger before you hurt yourself with it! Where did you get the thing, anyhow?"

"Bought it, of course. They say you need 'em in Spain, and I guess that's true enough. Beastly things! I'd like to hurt some of 'em in earnest—that I would!"

"Well, it was a frightful experience, but I can only hope Constance will profit by the lesson," sighed Mrs. Germaine. "She is a bit willful, at times, and would come, though Mr. Berrien and I tried our best to dissuade her."

Atwood glanced towards the little man so markedly lugged into the conversation, and, with something like a pang, understood that Mrs. Germaine wished him to know Mr. Berrien had the right to remonstrate. Yet could it be? Could a girl like that be attracted by this little whipper-snapper? It seemed incredible. He roused himself to offer the ladies the hospitality of his roof, which was gratefully declined, though Mrs. Germaine added, to his inner delight, "But we'll not disturb my daughter, if your mother will be so kind as to keep her—"

"Certainly!" cried Atwood. "And I will go at once and bring back the latest news of her, for I remain here, myself, tonight."

Mrs. Germaine gave him a comprehending glance. Then, with rare cordiality, suddenly held out her hand.

"You are more than kind, Mr. Atwood. This is delicacy, indeed!"

He flushed with pleasure, and Jack broke in "Mayn't I go with you? I'm not a bit sleepy—say yes, mamsey!"

"All right—yes!" and the two swung out together, Berrien looking longingly after, but making no effort to follow, much to their content. This Jack frankly voiced by a "Gracious! I was afraid he'd come too, wasn't you?"

Atwood laughed. "You don't like the gentleman?"

"Like him! Not any better'n Connie does. How can you like such a little dotty? That's the reason she came off on this wild goose chase to get rid of him and the bullfight. You see mother's so set on—"

"And did you go to the bullfight?" interposed Atwood hastily, feeling in decency bound to nip these family disclosures in the bud, though he was thrilled with a relief that seemed strangely disproportioned to the occasion. What were these strangers to him? But Jack was answering,—

"Bullfight—Umph! call that a fight? Why, there wasn't but one beast in the whole show that had life enough to fight—poor starved things! They'd drive 'em in fairly tottering, then the fellow in the red cape would stick 'em full of those little flags on sharp sticks, capering and dodging as if there was any real danger. I just hoped they would gore him sometimes, it looked so cruel! But they never did. And then the horses! They were more starved than the bulls, if

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Arising, she clung to his arm in terror



# READS LIKE A ROMANCE

## THE STORY OF THE WONDROUS GLENN POOL OILFIELD IN OKLAHOMA

By Jesse B. Taylor, Editor Western Trail

**I**T was the bulldog tenacity of Robert Galbreath, an erstwhile townsite boomer, that brought in the Glenn Pool oilfield in the new state of Oklahoma, the richest petroleum deposit ever discovered. Incidentally this display of grit, which encountered such obstacles as would have dampened the ardor of most men, has created scores of fortunes in the great Southwest.

Unlike many cases in history, the real discoverer of this rich oil field gained his rightful share of the wealth it has produced. In two years and a half since he brought in the first well he has amassed a fortune of more than \$1,000,000, and his wealth continues to pile up. He is a member of the firm of Colcord and Galbreath, which owns the leases on 320 acres in the heart of the Glenn Pool. On these acres are fifty-seven flowing wells, the initial production of which ranged all the way from 100 to 2,000 barrels a day each.

So rapidly have these wells produced petroleum that the railroads and pipe lines have been unable to take it away. Each month increases the stock on hand by many thousands of barrels, and a visitor to the field is nearly deafened by the tattoo of hammers in the hands of steel workers who are erecting monster tanks for storage. Even these cannot be built fast enough, and on the Concord and Galbreath lands there is a lake of oil said to contain upwards of 600,000 barrels. So long has this stood outside that many of its valuable properties have evaporated, leaving only fuel oil.

Mr. Galbreath is one of those energetic men who attract attention in whatever role they are found. He is of medium stature and has the bright, steady eye of the keep trader and promoter. He is an Ohioan and he went to Oklahoma in the rush of 1889, when the territory was opened to settlement. He was under 30 years of age when he reached the new country to which he had emigrated, but he made himself felt. He immediately entered the ranks of that class of real estate dealers known as "townsite boomers."

While developing new cities in what is now the new state, Mr. Galbreath was stationed at Shawnee, Edmond, Oklahoma City, and a number of other places. He was successful and when he got the oil fever he had about \$20,000 with which to go in search of the sands that nourish petroleum.

About this time he became interested in the Red Fork townsites. Red Fork is now a thriving town of about 500 souls, but two years ago it was simply a station on the Frisco railroad. It is four miles southwest of Tulsa, the real headquarters of the Glenn Pool field. But there was no Glenn Pool when Mr. Galbreath first began operations at Red Fork.

During his spare moments, when he was not selling town lots, this energetic boomer began to study geological formations. He scented a trail of oil reaching from the Kansas fields to the Texas deposits. He began to use his \$20,000 of savings in an effort to find the sands of wealth at Red Fork. He didn't find them, but he did sink all of his money at the point of a drill.

Once again without funds, but not dissuaded, Mr. Galbreath began a closer study of the earth formations in that section of what was then Indian Territory, and finally decided he had found the treasure spot. But it was necessary to find somebody who would help bear the \$5,000 burden necessary to equip a well—provided they found the much-hoped for oil.

At Keystone, a small place seventeen miles west of Tulsa, lived Frank Chesley, then postmaster and a merchant in a small way. In addition to having saved some money he had some knowledge of oil fields. Although born in Connecticut, he had spent most of his life in that part of New York state where petroleum flowed from the earth.

Postmaster Chesley drove with Promoter Galbreath to the charmed spot the latter had selected. It was four miles a little north of east of where Kiefer, the world-renowned tented city, later was established. Here in the quiet of an almost barren piece of country these two men decided they would delve for wealth. As soon as permission was gained from the government's representatives drilling was begun on the allotment of Ida C. Glenn, a little girl whose mother was a full-blooded Creek squaw and whose father was a white man.

Early in the morning of November 22, 1905, the prospectors sunk their drill into oil sands and brought in the first well in that section of the country, and it had an initial production of 100 barrels a day. The field thus tapped immediately became known as Glenn Pool, taking its name from the little Indian maiden before whom the avenues of wealth had been opened.

The field developed rapidly after the first well came in. And as the derricks grew thicker it became known by what narrow margin Messrs. Galbreath and Chesley "struck it rich." Wells drilled only 100 feet east of their original No. 1 proved to be dry. Hence it is plain that had this final stand of Mr. Galbreath led him into the dry section he would have lost his chance. And there are those who believe such a failure would have long delayed the discovery of the wonderful Glenn Pool deposit.

No sooner did the news of the Galbreath-Chesley strike get noised about than there came one of the wildest scrambles for leases ever recorded in history. Purchase of land was impossible because the property belonged to Indians and negroes and was held by the government in such manner that change of title was impossible. Location of many of the persons to whom the land had been allotted was difficult, so the entire



When Lightning Strikes Oil (a tank of it) in Oklahoma

There are two other pipe lines running from the Glenn Pool. One is the Gulf Pipe Line Company' running to Galveston, and the other is The Texas Company, reaching Port Arthur, Tex. These are considered by some independent, and these predict that the competition of the three concerns will make the Glenn Pool the oil clearing house of the world, where prices are made, instead of Oil City, Pa., which point has enjoyed that distinction for many years.

There are others in the field who contend that the Standard octopus has its tentacles securely wound about the latter two lines, and they point to the harmony with which prices are maintained as evidence of that fact. But be that as it may, these three lines and the large number of tank cars provided by the railroads are insufficient to handle the output of the field. The pipe lines produced in October 77,000 barrels of oil daily and the individual owners produced 30,000 barrels daily. The shipping possibilities, both by pipe line and by rail, are inside of 75,000 barrels a day.

A bird's eye view of the Glenn Pool is impressive. To reach the heart of the field the Oil Flyer of the Frisco road, which starts early in the morning from Tulsa, is the vehicle most patronized. It lands you at the bright, new station in Kiefer, world-renowned as the city of tents, where all about you rise oil derricks. Climbing to a high knoll just back of the town a wide expanse of these derricks is visible. With a strong glass it is possible to see the original Galbreath well four miles away, and then the vista reaches even farther west. The pool has an area of about fifteen square miles. Within that domain 1,200 wells have been drilled and practically all of them are producing today.

Huge sums have been expended in the development of the Glenn Pool. As has been stated above, it costs about \$5,000 to drill and fully equip a well, hence the 1,200 wells now in operation represent an investment of \$6,000,000. Those who

have had much to do with the fitting up of the field say the steel tankage and the necessary surface pipes have cost as much as \$4,000,000, making a total of \$10,000,000. Add the estimated cost of pipe lines, which is \$30,000,000, and approximately \$10,000,000 for tank cars and loading racks, and there is the amazing total of \$50,000,000. All of this sum has come back and, repeating again, the field has made several millionaires and has created scores of comfortable fortunes. Its end is not yet in sight. Fortunes still are being created at a rapid pace.

The operators in the field are not the only ones who are piling up wealth as a result of the discovery of petroleum deposits there. The government served as a watchful guardian of the interests of the Indians and negroes to whom the land had been allotted. A minimum royalty of 10 per cent of the gross receipts was fixed, and good prospects in many instances brought this figure as high as 16 2-3 per cent, in the face of strong competition. This means that, with the price of oil at 41 cents a barrel, where it stood last month, an ordinary twenty-acre tract would bring in the region of \$100 a day in royalty.

Each twenty acre tract has from five to eight wells on it. In figuring average production as ranging from 100 barrels to 2,000 barrels a day, as indicated above, it can be seen that a daily run of 2,500 barrels from twenty acres would be moderate.

Not in royalties alone have these people gained wealth. Competition frequently has brought high bonus bids. An example is found in Robert Glenn, a two-year-old half Indian lad, whose 20 acre allotment brought him a bonus of \$43,000. His royalties in addition have exceeded \$100 on many different days, Edith Durant, a

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Shooting an Oil Well



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## The Weeping Birch



THE inquiry is frequently made for a quick-growing, ornamental tree suitable for small grounds—something that will not outgrow the space that can be given it, and dominate the yard when well developed, as such varieties as the maple and elm are sure to do unless the grounds are of more than ordinary size. Whenever this inquiry is made to me, I aim to always recommend the weeping or cut-leaved birch.

This tree is always beautiful. Small specimens do not show the slender, drooping nature of the branches which characterize it after the first two or three years of its growth, but the foliage of the small tree is exceedingly attractive, and its habit quite as graceful as that of its later growth, only, of course, there isn't enough of a head to make a great deal of show. But development is rapid, and it does not take long to make a miniature tree out of the small sapling. No attention in the way of pruning is required. Let it follow out its own instincts in the direction of gracefulness and it will develop into a most charming specimen, with spreading limbs thickly set with delicate, drooping branches, symmetrical in form,—in fact, an ideal tree for the home grounds, if it can have space enough fully to display its attractions. Crowd it in among others, and its beauty is lost sight of, for it is never an aggressive tree. It must have a space all to itself in order to display its charms to the best advantage. Its foliage is small, finely cut and not plentiful enough to give a dense effect. On the contrary, it is delicate, almost fernlike in its airy gracefulness. Through its veil of slender branches and dainty foliage, the snow-white beauty of its bark shows most charmingly. In the fall, the foliage takes on a golden richness that makes the tree more beautiful than ever. It seems to have caught the sunshine in its branches, so bright and glowing is its color. After its leaves have fallen, the slender branches pendant from its larger limbs show to fine effect against a background of blue sky, and its white bark takes on a silvery luster in the winter sunshine. I know of no other tree in which so many ornamental features are combined. It is one of the trees attractive at all seasons.

It is very hardy. I have never known it to be injured by our severest northern winters. It grows well in all kinds of soils. I cannot say too much in its praise as an ideal tree for the small home lot.

### Seasonable Suggestions

Go over the Sweet Peas daily and cut off faded flowers. Do this to prevent the formation of seed. Similar treatment is advised for all plants that bear seed freely.

If the season is a hot, dry one, don't neglect to mulch your plants. A good mulch is better than an application of water. Grass clippings from the lawn are excellent for this purpose. They prevent the soil from parting rapidly with whatever moisture there is in it, and they break the force of the sun's rays on the soil about the roots of the plants. When they begin to decay, work them into the soil about the plants, and let fresh clippings take their place.

Tea Roses, bedded out, should receive about the same care as is given the Hybrid Perpetuals. Feed well, to keep them growing, and cut their branches back to strong "eyes" after each period of bloom. As long as you keep them producing new branches you can expect flowers from them.

If you have beds of Coleus, or this plant is used as an edging, go over them daily and remove every yellowing leaf, and nip out every bud that shows itself. If any branches seem inclined to outgrow the rest of the plant cut them back at once, and keep them cut back until other branches are strong enough to hold their own against them. It may be necessary to shear your plants to keep them even and symmetrical. Unless well cared for, they soon take on a straggling look and become anything but attractive.

Now is a good time to divide old plants of Boston Fern, and start new ones for next winter's use. Don't wait until fall before beginning to prepare for winter. Keep in mind the fact that a fine plant can't be grown in a month, or in six months.

Sequester'd leafy glades,

That through the dimness of their twilight show  
Large dock leaves, spiral foxgloves, or the glow  
Of the wild cat's-eyes, or the silvery stems  
Of delicate birch-trees.

—Keats

See that your Chrysanthemums are kept going steadily forward. If in pots shift to larger ones as the old ones become filled with roots. Give them a strong, rich soil, and be sure that it never gets dry. Few plants can make use of more water, during summer. Allow the roots to get really dry and the plant receives a check from which it will be a long time in recovering.

If the black beetle attacks your Chrysanthemums, make a strong infusion of soap suds, and shower the infested plants thoroughly. Then go over them with clear water.

See that vines about the house are given proper support as their branches lengthen. If this is not done, the new growth is pretty sure to be whipped about by strong winds, and often severely injured.

It is a good plan to go over all old vines trained against the house, at least once a year, and renew their supports. If this is not done, the entire vine is often torn loose by sudden and severe storms, and anyone who has ever tried putting a vine back where it belongs knows how impossible it is to perform the task satisfactorily.

Keep the ground about the lilacs mowed close. This prevents the thousand and one sprouts that annually appear about the old plants from developing into the thicket that so many persons urge as an objection to this really excellent shrub.

Go over the plants in pots that you are growing for next winter's use, and pinch them into shape. Nip off the end of the most vigorous branches, to give other branches a chance to "catch up." Also, to make the plant produce more branches. Persistent "pinching back" will force almost any plant to become bushy and compact. It seems a pity to interfere with a plant when it is growing luxuriantly, I know, but one must look ahead and plan for the future of it. The time to train a plant into pleasing shape is when it is making its best growth. Neglect it then, and you lose your opportunity. A plant that has been allowed to develop to suit itself can seldom be brought into satisfactory shape later.

Never be satisfied with inferior varieties of plants for house use. We have so many really fine sorts now-a-days that one can afford to give room to the best only. Therefore discard any that you may have that are not of superior merit, and get those of acknowledged excellence to take their places. I often see old varieties of Geraniums growing in the windows, and their unlikeness to the improved varieties of today

emphasizes the fact most forcibly of the great improvement that is constantly being made by the florists among all classes of plants. Verily, this is an age of progress! I have Geraniums in my greenhouse with petals so wide that they overlap, like those of the Pansy. No one, seeing them, would ever be satisfied to go on growing the old kinds, with their two narrow upper petals and their skimpier lower ones. The grower of plants in the window-garden ought to visit the establishments of the modern florist at least once a year, in order to "keep up with the times." If she does this, she will be sure to take a few new plants home with her on each visit, and it won't be long before she has a fine collection that will make her wonder how she could ever have been content with her old plants.

## Unchaperoned in Spain

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anything. "Why, they hadn't a show for themselves from the first. Now, I tell you, I like a fight as well as any fan, if it's on the square and sides are evenly matched—but that! Why, 'twas a regular butchery. Guess Connie was all right in not wanting to go, after all."

"Isn't your sister usually about right?"

"Well, you bet she is! And I just wish Mamsey'd let her alone. Connie likes men that are men—big, strong fellows—bet a cooky she'll take to you," with an admiring glance up at the six feet of manhood beside him.

"Here we are!" cried Atwood hastily, pointing to the cottage, still ablaze. "My mother is waiting up for me, I see," and he threw wide the door for his young guest to enter.

It was the next morning and, the rather wearisome meeting with her family over, Constance nestled back in her easy chair, glad of a respite till noon. She glanced shyly up at the artist as he returned from bowing out the ladies, and blushed as she met his eyes.

"You look very comfortable," he said gently, "but I'm glad you were not quite rested"—a sparkle in his eye. "It was a bitter experience for you, but I, at least, cannot regret it."

"Nor I—now. Only for you, though—Ah! how wild they were! How terrible! But you were there in time."

"Yes, I was there. I saw you earlier in the day, and was restless. I wandered up to the village, and then on to the posada, where I presumed your party to be. I could not make out what was in the midst of that surging mass, outside; but when I heard your cry, I felt I had been waiting for it."

"And you came at once. How you cleaved your way, as if they had been paper men—it was splendid! How could you do it?"

"I had to. They separated you from me."

"And you saved me!" in a low murmur.

"You clung to me; you trusted me. I brought you to my mother."

The deep, intense voice ceased; and as their eyes met words were unnecessary. Convention still measured the room's breadth between them, but their souls had leaped the barrier. In that moment of glad surrender Constance forgot the very existence of Mr. Norris Berrien.

[THE END]

No wonder New Yorkers have dyspepsia,—they eat seventy-five thousand pork pies daily.

The true philanthropist does not "sound a trumpet" when he does alms, neither does he take special pains to have himself written up by a representative of a daily newspaper.

"Charity begins at home." Very true, but it does not end there. Far too many have a so-called charity that both begins and ends at home. The latter variety is not the genuine.

The birch-tree swang her fragrant hair,  
The bramble cast her berry.  
The gin within the juniper  
Began to make him merry,  
The poplars, in long due,  
With cypress promenaded,  
The shock-head willows two and two  
By rivers galloped.

—Tennyson



Weeping Birch—Betula Pendula



# OKLAHOMA, THE MARVEL STATE

BY JAMES COURSEN BARTHOLF



This is a Typical Oklahoma Homestead



Shawnee Today; Eight Years Ago a Wilderness of Timber

**T**HE NATION'S greatest day for joy-making and jollification is the ever glorious Fourth of July, on which day we celebrate the new birth of freedom which found expression in the Declaration of Independence, first heralded to the world on July 4th, 1776. Then there were only thirteen stars on the blue field of our national banner. Now there are forty-six; each one added giving a new lustre to "Old Glory." The last one thus to be added is that of Oklahoma, which, at the time of becoming a state, was the greatest in population, wealth, and wondrous natural resources ever admitted into the American union. At the time of its admission Oklahoma had a population of approximately two millions of people, nearly two-thirds as many as existed in all the thirteen colonies when they declared themselves to be free and independent from Great Britain and all other nations. The greater is the amazing wonder attaching to this important fact when we realize that the territory constituting the new state was first opened to homestead entry and settlement by white people less than a score of years ago.

To be exact, Oklahoma, at the time of its admission, according to a special census taken by the United States government, had a population of 1,850,000; the taxable wealth was \$800,000,000, and the value of farm and mineral products was more than \$500,000,000 per annum. There are 5,000 miles of railroad, 250,000 farms, more than 1,700 postoffices and ninety-six cities with populations exceeding 1,000. A showing such as this is marvelous, indeed; seems more like a fairy tale than history; is almost incredible of belief, and yet the facts herein stated are the official figures of the national government, the reliability of which no one can, for a moment, question.

Another evidence of the wondrously rapid, yet permanent development of Oklahoma, which can not be controverted, is that of the unerring photographic camera. Hence herewith are presented several excellent half-tones, which testify in another way to the truth of statements made by our dear Uncle Sam, who has never been accused of being otherwise than truthful.

The last State to be admitted to the Union, Oklahoma, seems truly to be an embodiment, as to its vast natural resources, of the entire nation. Indeed, the United States as a whole, can boast of very few of these which are not to be found in abundance in the new State.

Oklahoma has millions of acres of the best coal lands in the world; her oil wells produce thousands of barrels daily; train-loads of timber are taken from her forests and there are thousands of acres that the ax has not yet touched; stone quarries are worked in a dozen parts of the state, gypsum mills are grinding day and night, and a hundred and one other enterprises are engaging the men of industry, thereby transmuting into a thousand and one and more articles the almost measureless wealth that lies buried beneath the surface of mountain, valley and plain. That the ingenuity, enterprise, and industry of Oklahoma's progressive sons are rapidly developing these mighty resources is shown from the fact that the state's annual output of manufactured goods aggregates more than \$25,000,000. In certain parts of the state one could imagine himself back in the old Keystone commonwealth, or in Ohio, or West Virginia, or Indiana, surrounded as he would be by oil wells, gas wells, coal and iron mines, and by thriving industries that always find a home in their vicinage; when wandering "mid the cotton and the co'n" of the cotton counties, he could easily think himself down on some "ole plantation" of Alabama or Mississippi; when strolling over the farms where is grown the succulent peanut he is carried in memory back to "ole Virginny" and naturally begins reminiscing regarding the F. F. V's. and other things that have made the Old Dominion famous; when, from some sun-kissed hill, he overlooks a vast ocean of growing corn, or wheat, he is forcibly reminded of the splendid prairie sister states of Illinois and Iowa; when he walks through the beautiful orchards of almost any part of Oklahoma and picks from heavily laden trees right and left, most luscious peaches, pears, plums, apricots, cherries, and apples of every variety, he easily imagines himself down in old York State, in Michigan, Oregon, Washington, California, or almost any other state that has been made famous by the abundant production of these unrivaled fruits; if he takes a detour through the majestic pine forest reserve of the

State, comprising 400,000 acres, he can easily think himself trudging amidst the stately pines of the old Pine Tree state, or the Wolverine, the Badger, or the Gopher commonwealths,—and so the farther he travels and the longer he remains in the state of the "Fair God," the more will his mind revert to all the states and to those things that have made them all great and prosperous. As provident Nature has seemed thus to have gathered up something of the best of her bounties from all the other states into a huge cornucopia and lavishly poured them out upon Oklahoma, so also, in like manner, has Nature taken somewhat of the climatic conditions obtaining in all the other forty-five states and given a portion thereof to Oklahoma. The climate in the new state has been most aptly described as an "equable overlap of both North and South." Continuing, the same writer well says: "In winter the thermometer rarely reaches zero, and the season of cold

weather is short. There is not a month in the year when work may not be done out in the open. In summer the weather is warm, even hot at times, else cotton would not grow, but cool gulf breezes temper the heat, and a hot night is a rarity. People in this midland country suffer from neither excessive heat nor cold. The rainfall is ample, and there has never yet been an absolute failure of crops."

Climatic conditions being thus a composite of that obtaining in all the states and soil conditions being all that could be desired, it is but a natural result that almost anything that can be grown anywhere can also be produced to advantage in Oklahoma. An enumeration of farm produce, raised in abundance in the new state, gives most substantial proof of this statement. Among these may be mentioned: wheat, corn, cotton, oats, brown corn, alfalfa, potatoes, melons, Kafir corn, fruits of all kinds other than tropical, garden vegetables of every variety, and many other things. In addition to these products of the ground there are those always found in connection therewith,—poultry, live-stock of all kinds, and dairy products. Though scarcely a furrow had been turned eighteen years ago in what now comprises Greater Oklahoma, the agricultural products of the state now being a

total annual return of more than \$200,000,000.

Just as the great natural resources of Oklahoma are a composite of those where-with the other states are blessed, and the climate there obtaining is an "overlap of both North and South," so also is the now great state, as to its splendid population, a composite and "overlap" of much of the "choicest of the wheat" from all the older states. Such being the general high character of the people who have so wondrously created this mighty commonwealth almost in a day, it is only natural to find that they have provided magnificently for the cause of education, culture and refinement, for schools, colleges, universities, libraries, churches and all those things that make for the higher and the better life.

The educational system includes the rural school, the high school, the preparatory school, the normal school, the agricultural college, and the university. The arrangements of the courses of the several schools has been so perfected that in the

remote country school a boy or girl may start on an educational career, finishing at the university, without a break. Quoting from the last report of the superintendent of public instruction, we find an enumeration of children of school age, six to twenty-one years, of 204,630; an enrollment in the public schools of 152,886; an average daily attendance of 93,495; that 3,671 teachers were employed; that the common schools collected and expended \$1,459,623 for school purposes; that school houses have been built aggregating a valuation of \$2,072,000. These statistics speak concisely and tersely of educational conditions and progress, but do not fully present the spirit inspiring the work.

Enthusiasm, harmony, and good will are characteristic of the educational forces of the great public school system. Each year sees more thorough organization, a richer course of study, a better understanding of the child mind and its development, improved methods of teaching and better management, and a more effective growth.

There are seven institutions of higher learning supported by the state of Oklahoma. The State University at Norman, the University Preparatory School at Muskogee, the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Stillwater, the Colored Agricultural and Normal University at Langston, and three Normal Schools, the Central

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### DON'T MARRY THIS GIRL

WOMAN has been called the conundrum of history, because men have been slow in coming to a true understanding of what she is and of just what she is for.

She, too, has been slow in finding her place and even slower in suspecting that any place of power and dignity is her due. She has been placed in the stall with the cattle and she has been set on Olympus with the gods; she has been conceded to have powers of thought and to be susceptible to a degree of discipline, but these susceptibilities have ever been regarded with suspicion. The small boy says of his girl playmate, "O, she is nothing but a girl!" The relics of such sentiment disappear but slowly after we have grown to manhood.

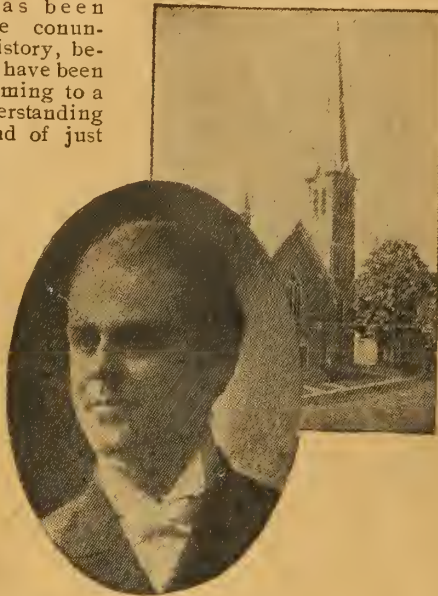
Woman, however, is finding her place and she is finding it with dignity and power. Her true nobility consists in her most wonderful influence for good. This influence is not monopolized by the representative women in public life who, through brilliancy of mind, have written and spoken in the interests of nations and of men; women who charm and delight vast assemblies with their fervor and eloquence; women who have, through great sacrifice, delivered their people; women who have made for themselves a place in the affection of many and whose names are recorded in halls of fame; but, refer to the wives and mothers who have had no ambition for public place and recognition; who are not in the scramble for social position or national reputation, but who are quietly, sweetly, and earnestly performing the ten thousands of humble offices of love and home, and who, like Susanna Wesley and Nancy Hanks Lincoln, are living in the affections of thousands because of their influence upon the minds and hearts of those whom God gave them to rear for Him, and whom they influenced to turn the currents of history and live and labor in the interests of humanity. The place that wives and mothers fill is so supreme that if they fail in their duty, human life as a whole is a failure. In their hands lie the issues of life for mankind. It is the high duty and beautiful function of woman to make homes, and within her power lies the terrible capacity for marring them. Woman is more than queen, she is the fountain of honor. The honor she gives and the honor she commands will decide the whole tone of society. Pure, true, strong, she compels men to worship purity, truth, strength. Corrupt, false, base, she blights the ideals of men, lowers their ambitions, excites their baser passions and degrades their souls to a level below the brute.

Again, there is a sense in which woman is the interpreter and revealer of God to the human race. She has religious intuitions and spiritual susceptibilities which, together with her sweet and sacred relation to the birth, infancy, and childhood of the human race, place her far in advance of the other sex in tender sympathy and blessed helpfulness. Woman is in more than one sense "the mold of the human race."

Hence the choosing of a wife is no trifling matter. It is a question of the utmost importance. We should bring to it the thought and heart which we give to other questions which have direct bearing upon all subsequent life.

To all young men I would say:

Don't marry a flirt, a dashing, dazzl-



ing, dizzy devotee to coquetry, "A peacock with the claws of an eagle and the self-assurance of a magpie." Miss Flirt is not always Miss Virtue. There is nothing sacred or holy about love or marriage to her. She goes forth to conquer, heart light and head lighter. She delights in counting her conquests and in dreaming of others to fall under her spell. She is always on dress parade, always admiring herself, always casting sly glances towards all young men, and sometimes,

made bold by the slightest attention on their part, enters into the most disgusting flirtations. She is not a charming flower with the bloom and fragrance still upon it, but a wilted daisy to be admired for a moment and then trampled in the dust forever.

Don't marry a society girl. I mean the girl whose one thought, whole heart, and entire time are given to dress, style, pompadours, powder, mirrors, cards, dances, and a continual round of social gaieties. Such a girl is no more fit to be the wife of your heart, the mother of your children, the queen of your home than a boa constrictor. Society is rearing today a race of girls who know no art of use or value. They know not how to sew, broil a steak, play a sweet melody, smooth the pillow of pain, repeat a psalm, or offer a prayer—a race of girls whose heads and hearts are empty of anything solid or helpful. Imagine such a girl fifteen years hence, having her own boys and girls gather about her knee begging to know what to do, how to entertain themselves, what to read.

I have no malice toward this society craze that absorbs every thought and minute of its devotees and submerges head, heart, and home in the whirling vortex of fashion's frenzy, only a profound pity for the narrow, pinched up lives such people are living, and for the sorrows with which they are so often afflicted.

Don't marry the girl who is lazy and who spends the early morning hours in bed, and drags through the day in a listless, heartless manner. You may know but little of her home life, yet you can tell her at a glance. She is neither neat nor tidy in her personal appearance. Her every aspect indicates that "tired feeling." Her hair, a woman's glory, is bunched up carelessly: her gown is put on in a haphazard manner; her hat awry, and with dowdy appearance and listless gait, she roves the streets, the very picture and personification of shiftlessness. Unless you wish to live on cold meals, sleep in ill-made beds, sit in rooms that are cheerless, I warn you to beware of the lazy girl.

Don't marry the girl who is ashamed

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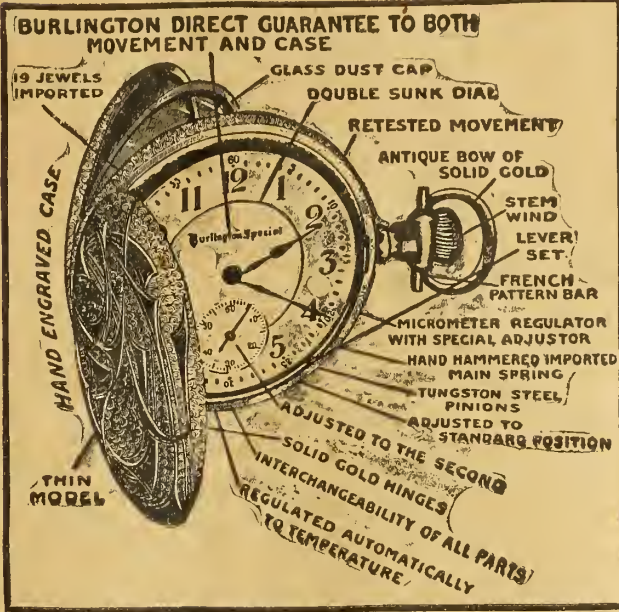
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### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

In my mail this morning, came several letters that fairly illustrate the variety of requests that come from correspondents, and I am going to make a few extracts from them for the sake of pointing a moral.

One says: "Enclosed find some rose buds and lily leaves. What's the matter with them? I expect an immediate reply." Now the specimens mentioned were in the letter, but not a word of explanation or information that would furnish me basis for an opinion. I wonder if the writer would, if some of her family were sick, go to the telephone, call up the family doctor, and say, "John's sick, or Mary's sick,—what's the matter with them?" The doctor could diagnose such a case just as satisfactorily as I can diagnose this one. When a plant is sick, tell me something about how it acts, and what care it's had, and then perhaps I can form a half way intelligent opinion about the trouble.

Another says: "I don't want my questions answered in the way you mention in your article in the April number. I want an answer all my own. I don't care to have my questions mixed up with Tom, Dick and Harry's."

What difference does it make how a question is answered, so long as one gets the information he or she is in search of? If one answer can be made to do duty for a dozen inquiries, rest assured a dozen separate answers will not be made. If a reader finds, anywhere in the department, anything that applies to her particular case, let her appropriate it as personal.

Another writes: "I don't care to have my questions wait two or three months for a reply. This has happened, time and again, and I hope you'll see to it that it doesn't happen any more."

Now the fact is, copy for the department is always prepared several weeks in advance—it has to be, in order to enable the publishers to get the magazine out on time—and it is utterly impossible to answer a question "in the next issue," as so many request. Don't forget this, and don't ask me to do the impossible. Every question will be answered in its turn, and as soon as possible.

Another letter says: "I don't care to have my questions answered in the magazine. Please answer by mail."

In one morning's mail, this week, fourteen letters from readers came to me, and ten of them contained the above request. The thinking reader will see readily that I cannot be expected to answer the letters that come to me in this way. Some years ago, while acting as editor of the floral department on another periodical, I was often obliged to put in two days a week in answering, by mail, letters that were sent with stamp, or stamped and self addressed envelope, for reply. Don't expect me to do this now. Time is too valuable. I will cheerfully answer all inquiries in the magazine, but I cannot give up a large portion of my time to private correspondence.

I have received letters containing subscriptions to the magazine. Every reader should understand that I have nothing whatever to do with the business management of this periodical.

I have been asked about premiums, and requests to ferret out mistakes that have occurred. These matters are entirely out of my line. If you have any inquiries to make about them, write to the Publishers. EDITOR QUESTION BOX.

Ferns from Seed. "Please tell me how to propagate Ferns from spores."—N. H. A.

Fill a shallow pan or box with leaf mold from the woods, and scatter the ripened spores over it by shaking the frond bearing them.

Azalea. "Last year my Azalea blossomed well. Now its leaves have almost all fallen off. Last summer I planted it in the garden. Took it up in fall and placed it in cellar, where it grew nicely. Then I took it up stairs and leaves began to die off. Will it bloom this season?"—Mrs. M. K.

Your Azalea should have been kept in its pot, and the pot sunk in the soil, in a partially shaded place. Care should have been taken to prevent its becoming dry at its roots. Treated in this manner, it would probably have set buds last fall. It should not have gone into the cellar, but have been given a place in a light room where the temperature could have been kept at about sixty-five degrees. Possibly the plant may recover by giving it good treatment, this summer, but quite probably it is past help. The Azalea is not a plant I would recommend for culture in the window-garden. It requires greenhouse conditions as to heat, moisture and air.

Magazine Wanted? "I would like to subscribe to some magazine making a speciality of literature concerning native flowers. Is there such a one?"—Mrs. B. G. S.

I do not know of any.

Winter Carnations. "Have wintered some Carnations out of doors. They look well. Some buds from last year remain. Had I better leave them, or cut the plants back?"—L. W. A.

By all means cut the plants back, and let them make a strong, new growth from which to bear a crop of flowers later in the season. The Marguerite strain of Carnations can be safely wintered out of doors in many localities at the north, but the ordinary sorts almost always fail to live, even if they come out looking well in early spring. Hope your plants will not have "had a relapse" by the time this answer reaches you.

"A Batch of Questions." "I have a batch of questions I would like answered. 1st. I have a triangular space of ground between house and ell, facing north and west. What would you advise planting there? 2nd. What would make a good edging for a bed in such location? 3d. When my Primroses were about ready to bloom, they began to wilt, and some have died. 4th. How shall I treat Primrose plants that have bloomed during past winter? 5th. What should be done with Cineraria, after flowering, in order to have it bloom again next season? 6th. Would hardy Phlox succeed in the corner spoken of?"—R. A. E.

1st. I would advise the white and lilac varieties of perennial Phlox in your triangular patch of ground, planting them next the house. In front of them I would have the Iris, in variety. As an edging Myosotis, or Forgetmenot. Or you could use Phlox subulata, low-growing, pink and white. 2nd. Already answered in preceding paragraph. 3. I infer that your Primroses had poor drainage, consequently weak or diseased roots. 4th. Old Primrose plants are seldom satisfactory a second season. Grow new plants from seed sown in spring, or buy seedlings from the florists in fall. 5th. I would not try carrying old Cinerarias over the summer. Better procure young plants each fall. 6th. Answered in first paragraph.

Cranberry Cuttings. "Where can cuttings of the Cranberry be obtained?"—W. E. S.

I don't know. If you can get the address of any one connected with Cranberry culture write him about plants.

Spraying Fruit Trees. "When should Plum trees be sprayed?"—Mrs. L. C. W. Shortly after blooming, and while the fruit is small. See the garden magazines for spraying calendar.

Calla Troubles. "Have my Callas in south window. As soon as a leaf develops it turns yellow. Should the plants be watered daily?"—Mrs. L. F. A.

I presume there are two good reasons for yellow foliage on your plants—too little moisture in the air, and red spider,—the latter a direct result of lack of moisture in atmosphere. Examine the lower side of leaf and see if you do not discover tiny red or brown specks and little web. If so, you may be sure the red spider is responsible for much of the damage done. Remedy—water on the foliage, lots of it, daily. Spray the plant all over, or dip it in a tub of water. Keep it wet and the air moist and the spider will leave. Water should be applied to the roots whenever the soil begins to look dry on its surface. The Calla is not an aquatic as some seem to think.

Bulbs After Flowering. "We have a large number of bulbs that have completed their flowering. What shall be done with them? Have been told they are useless."—Mrs. W. A. B.

I presume you refer to bulbs forced into bloom in late winter and early spring. I would advise planting them out in the garden where some of them may gain strength enough to give flowers another season. But do not depend on them for flowering in the house a second time. Quite likely they would disappoint you. Always get fresh strong bulbs for forcing.

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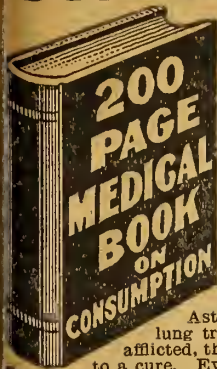
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Without something about Kiefer any Glenn Pool story would be incomplete. This town is one of the novelties of the century. When the field first came in there was no station nearer than Sapulpa, and that was wholly out of reach. So F. M. Selby, head of the Selby Oil and Gas Company, one of the biggest producers in the field, induced the management of the Frisco road to put in a switch where Kiefer now stands. Following closely on the heels of this improvement came two abandoned cars which were set alongside the track to serve as a station house, and an agent was installed.

Rapidly the place became a town, the people, however, living in tents. There were two reasons why tents were used. First, the people were too busy drilling for oil to waste time building habitations. Second, the land was Indian property, hence title to it could not be secured and nobody cared to build a house which they might have to abandon at any time.

From the standpoint of railroad earnings Kiefer is in a class by itself. Earnings increased by rapid strides until a few months ago, when the monthly figure footed up to \$165,000. Now the two old cars are abandoned and a new depot is occupied. It was built to accommodate a city of 2,000 inhabitants, but already it is overcrowded.

The townspeople now are looking forward to an era of building. An auction sale of lots, made possible by the setting aside of a town site by the government, was held recently and many buyers indicated that they would erect either residences or business houses at once. It is declared another year will show a complete transformation.

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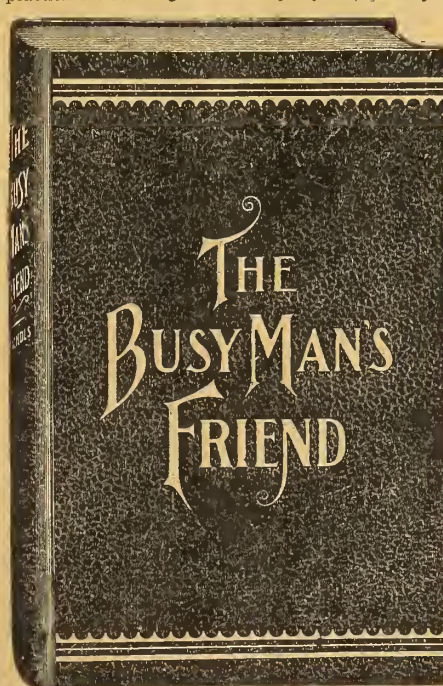
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## Oklahoma, the Marvel State

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State at Edmond, the Northwestern at Alva, and the Southwestern at Weatherford. In addition to these state institutions, a goodly number of colleges, seminaries, and universities have been established and are being successfully maintained by different religious denominations.

Moved as if by prophetic vision, beholding as from afar the splendid possibilities of the veritable empire that was to grow up as if by magic in the old-time Indian Territory, the managers of the great Southwestern railroads began early to extend their lines from other states into and across what they knew would become in the near future one of the greatest of American commonwealths. This they began before the new State was formed, before the territory of Oklahoma was created, and even long before the Indian lands were opened to entry and settlement. Thus did the Iron Horse, the Black Giant of Commerce, pave the way and, with his flaming torches, show the way for thousands upon thousands of the homeless of earth to a veritable Eldorado, where they have found happiness, prosperity, peace, and home. Not only this, but he laid down his own steel courses over hills, through the forests, across the rivers and prairies, and then made himself a huge beast of burden to haul civilization and all the appliances there by trainloads into the wondrous new country. This done, he at once turned about and began to pull away to the markets of the South, the North, and the East the rich harvests wherewith the labor of honest toilers was so soon and so richly crowned. So great has been the traffic oftentimes the railroads have been unequal to the task they have been called upon to perform. Notably has this been true in the oil fields, so rapid and unexpected has been the development in many places. It is therefore evident that the transportation lines have borne a most important part in the all but miraculous growth of the new state. Chief among the great railway systems whose lines traverse Oklahoma may be mentioned the Rock Island-Frisco lines, the Santa Fe, the M. K. T. Ry., and the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain. The total railway mileage of Oklahoma is something over 5,000 miles.

Truly has one well versed in the history and growth of Oklahoma written: "Few persons have anything like a correct idea of the country. Originally set aside as a supposedly undesirable part of the West, it has been amply demonstrated that it is one of the most desirable. Its marvelous growth in the past twenty years is a world wonder. The people first to see its advantages were those who lived nearest to it, and when the opportunity came they literally overran the country. The world has never seen the like of the several 'rushes,' and never will again.

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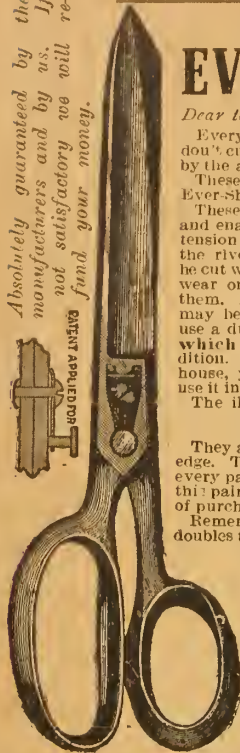


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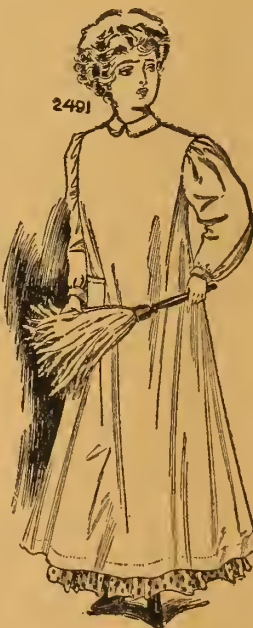
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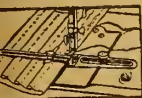
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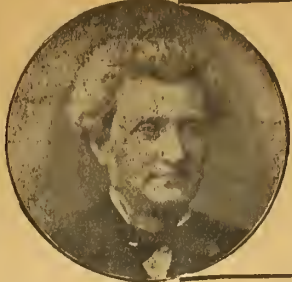
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## WOMAN'S WORTH AND WORK

This most important subject, than which there is none more important, not even a presidential election, will be the theme of the September issue of Vick's Magazine. The chief purpose of this number will be to present to our readers a truthful view of the present status of woman as a factor in our social, business, industrial, and professional life, showing what women are doing for the advancement of the common good, and by so doing promoting their own individual welfare, both financially and otherwise.

As the home is woman's natural realm, where she is justly queen, special attention will be devoted in this number to showing what woman may successfully do in and about the home to promote its welfare and that of herself by different kinds of congenial industry, which will result in increasing her own or the family income. Articles will also appear setting forth what women are doing and may do to advantage in occupation and professions the arena of which is elsewhere than the home. The motive prompting the publication of this special number is the desire to do world-wide womankind a positive service in making plain how woman may best fit into the great social scheme of human life and activity, of which she is admittedly so important a part, and too, how she may do this without impairing her proper preeminence in the home and in perfect harmony with the highest ideals of her womanly nature—sometimes described as "the eternal feminine." Through necessity, women not a few are too often compelled to engage in various occupations far too severe and exacting, long continuance in which cannot result otherwise than in loss of health, loss of true womanliness, and in the end premature death. To show how good women and true, who, by reason of reverse and misfortune may be compelled to be both breadwinners and home-keepers, may successfully solve their life's problem will be one of the chief aims of the September Vick's. Not only so, but in later numbers this important subject will receive much attention. Evidence of this purpose will be afforded by the intensely interesting and illuminating problem serial story—"The Eclipse of the Thorntons," by Ruth Hays, which will begin in the September number. This serial will show in a most graphic manner how a family, suddenly deprived of a liberal provider through the unexpected illness of the husband and father, adjusted itself to new conditions; how, under the courageous leadership of the mother and older sisters, ways and means were derived whereby the family income was made equal to the family needs, and each member thereof was made richer in high resolve, purpose, and character.

MR. EDWIN MARKHAM

Who easily is America's greatest living poet will contribute an article to the Woman's Worth and Work number which is peculiarly well adapted thereto, being entitled: "Give Her of the Fruit of Her Hands," and being itself a beautiful tribute to the worth and dignity of womanhood and an eloquent plea for her proper safeguarding and the adequate compensation to her for the valuable services she renders humanity. This exquisite prose poem will have the place of honor in the magazine and will be fittingly embellished with an artistically set picture of the author.

Another article of the September number that will be found most interesting and edifying will be, "Woman As A Professional Gardner," written by Miss Grace Adele Pierce, the well known poetess, newspaper writer, and magazineist, who has given much careful study and thought to the vastly important subject of woman's work and welfare. Miss Pierce is deeply interested in this great question and believes that a new woman's movement should be inaugurated that shall come into closer heart-touch with the great army of the world's women workers than has anything yet undertaken, and one that shall prove itself more helpful to such a great army in solving the many hard problems that its members have to meet.

Our readers will be delighted to learn that a timely article will appear in the September number by Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, the world-famed president and founder of the International Sunshine Society, who is also author of a most excellent book, published by A. S. Barnes & Co., entitled "Woman's Ways of Earning Money." Mrs. Alden has had a widely extended and very successful experience in many different occupations and no other woman in America is better able to write intelligently and helpfully on the important subject of Woman's Worth and Work than is Mrs. Alden.

Still another article that will be of positive value and of exceptional interest is that entitled "Women in Agriculture," by Mrs. Ada T. Howie, the well-known and eminently successful Farmers' Institute lecturer, whose services are in constant demand during the Institute season, the Institute managements of several states sharply competing for the disposal of her time each winter.

## FICTION FEATURES

The second installment of "The Feudist's Revenge" will appear in the September issue, also the first chapter of "The Eclipse of the Thorntons," and the first part of a true western frontier Indian story, entitled "Ruck and Tuck." Added to this unusual array of short serials will be a most pleasing one number storyette, as well as the beginning of a splendid juvenile story entitled "The Adventures of Ole Knee High," which will prove of most fascinating interest to grown-ups as well as to boys and girls.

## THE HOME DEPARTMENTS

Of the September Vick's will be prepared with special reference to the theme of the month, "Woman's Worth and Work" and will be replete with many

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# A Talk on Money Matters

Of Interest to all Who want to Save Money and Make Money

By C. TOWNSEND WELLS

A Sunday School Superintendent was giving a talk to the children. During his course of remarks he said: "I want all the boys and girls who wish to go to Heaven when they die, to hold up their hands." All the children promptly held up their hands except one little boy back in the far corner. The Superintendent addressed the boy in a somewhat surprised tone: "Why, Johnny, don't you want to go to Heaven, too?" The answer came back promptly: "No Siree, not if all that crowd's a'goin'."

The boy probably had some very vague ideas about Heaven but his answer indicated that he did his own thinking—he didn't believe in simply "following the crowd."

Sometimes it is wise to follow the crowd: sometimes it isn't. When money matters are under consideration, DON'T follow the crowd. If you do you'll be poor all your life. The people who rise above the common level, financially, and gain a competence, are invariably the people who do their own thinking. They may have very meagre incomes to start, but they know how to use those meagre incomes. They don't simply follow the crowd, and spend every cent they make because they think it is necessary.

Most people living on small incomes argue to themselves that there is no use in trying to "get ahead." They think that the small amount per week or month that they could save would be so small as to be useless. That's where they make a big, big mistake. They try to have a good time by using every cent they can lay hands on, simply because it seems like too great a sacrifice to lay by a dollar a month. They lack the proper ambition.

Someone has said, "A man without an ambition is a derelict, dangerous to others and of no value to himself." That's pretty nearly true, too. When a man is resigned to Fate, his resignation is generally accepted. Promotion never comes because he never seeks it and he finally gets discouraged and "quits."

Now this is the point I am trying to bring out; EVERY person should make it a RULE—and a good, solid, steadfast rule—to save a certain percentage of his income and put this saving where it will be safe and where it will produce the maximum amount of interest consistent with safety.

Don't say you can't. You CAN. It may seem hard at first, but you'll soon get accustomed to it; and after you learn HOW to save and HOW to make your savings WORK for you, it will not be very long before you will be surprised to find how rapidly your savings are accumulating. You can't believe it until you try it.

Drive the plug into your expenses. Stop the leaks. Then figure frequently and carefully your expense items. You'll soon find lots of ways to save.

In the midst of battle one of Napoleon's marshals rushed up and explained excitedly: "Sire, we have taken a battery!" "Take another," was the laconic response. This little incident shows one of the characteristics which made Napoleon a LEADER instead of a FOLLOWER.

Now, after the first battle between expenses and economy has been won, don't be satisfied. Keep at it. Get the habit. Then you'll soon be on the road to fortune. Don't be afraid to build an air castle, but don't forget to put a foundation under it after you have it built.

Now, the question arises: how are you going to know what to do with your money after you have begun to save. The problem is a little hard I'll admit. You don't want to put it in a bank because the bank pays only 3 or 4 per cent interest and you can never make money at that rate. You can't put it into a business of your own because it takes probably a thousand or several thousand dollars to start a business. You don't want to put it into stock unless you have a chance to buy stock at par, or nearly par, in a SOLID Company that is SURE to pay big dividends.

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What are you going to do?

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## THE HOUSE OF OLMSTEAD

BY RUTH HAYS

**T**HE cat was on the doorstep when Dr. Duncan came up the walk. As he opened the door she darted past him and disappeared up the front stairway, before he remembered that Mrs. Olmstead never allowed her in this part of the house. Some of the boarders didn't like cats.

Being a good-natured man who disliked to make trouble, he gave a little whistle of dismay and tried to call her back. But Puss had vanished, and he reflected easily that she couldn't really do any harm, and Jessica would be sure to find her presently and put her out. So he went on to his own room, and threw himself into a chair by the window with Barstow's letter before him.

"Look here, old man," it began, "What in thunder is keeping you up in those wilds so long? Three blessed weeks, you've been gone already, instead of those 'few days' of yours. If you don't turn up pretty quick, your patients will be as sheep having no shepherd, for I'm due at Roden's, come Friday, and the old lady won't listen to any excuses, mind you. Sorry to hurry you, but—"

He tossed the letter aside impatiently. Hang Barstow's old lady! Why couldn't she wait a day or two? Another week might make all the difference in the world. Three weeks was just nothing. She wouldn't. He lit his pipe and meditated. This was his first vacation for many a long day, for he was a busy man, and one of the rising lights of his profession in the growing city of Alton, with a large practice, and hospital work. On his way northward for a few days' fishing, he had stopped for a glimpse of this little village among the hills, where he had begun practice a dozen years ago, fresh from his studies abroad. It had been unexpectedly pleasant. In spite of his ten years absence he had found many warm friends here still; his old quarters at Mrs. Olmstead's had been so comfortable and homelike; it was such a restful place altogether, and he had met such pleasant people, that he had stayed on from day to day, until three 'blessed' weeks had gone by. Blessed, indeed, if—Oh, hang Barstow.

He threw back his head in a vexed fashion, crumpling the letter in his hand. Well, what must be, must! He would go tomorrow.

Mrs. Olmstead's small niece Jessica came up the stairs with a big bunch of asters in her hand, all white and palest purple. She was humming softly as she passed his half-closed door, a prim little maid in long checked apron, with flaxen braids and serious blue eyes like a German "madchen." He liked Jessica, and there was no manner of doubt about her liking for him.

Another step came up the stairway presently, quick and light, and a gray gown fluttered swiftly by his door. She was singing, too, something very low and sweet, scarcely above a breath; but she stopped suddenly at sight of Jessica. "What lovely asters!" she said lightly. "They will be charming in that vase, Jessica."

It was a lovely voice; one might easily have guessed the grace and sweetness of its owner from the very sound. She stood watching the child for a minute, then as she turned to go, she added abruptly, "I'm going tomorrow, Jessica."

Jessica gave a little cry of dismay. "Tomorrow? Oh Miss Amy, how sorry I am!" "You can't be sorrier than I am, Jessica," with a little sigh. "It's been so pleasant—"

A door shut softly, there was a little smothered exclamation, then it opened again hastily, and a quick "shoo-oo!" and soft clap of hands followed.

Instantly a startled "Oh!" from Jessica, a yell from the cat, and a crash of broken china came together, and as Dr. Duncan started up to rush to the rescue, Mrs. Olmstead's reproachful tones arrested him.

"Jessica! how could you be so careless? My beautiful vase! it really is too bad of you altogether."

"I couldn't help it Auntie, truly," began the child earnestly. "It was that cat. She ran right under my feet when I was putting it back, and I trod on her tail and tripped up. I really couldn't help it, Auntie, and I'm awfully sorry."

"You should have been more careful," Mrs. Olmstead was very much vexed. She prized the vase greatly, and there was nothing else to go in that corner. It was too bad of Jessica, and her voice grew sharper. "Why didn't you look where you were going, child? You are altogether too heedless. And what business had the cat up here? You know I don't allow her in this part of the house."

"I didn't know she was, Auntie," pleaded the child again. "She ran right cut—"

But here the other voice interposed penitently. "It was all my fault. Mrs. Olmstead, and I'm so sorry. Please don't blame Jessica. The cat was in my room, and I drove her out in such haste I never thought of anything. It was so careless of me! Your pretty vase—and it suited that corner so perfectly!"

Mrs. Olmstead smothered her vexation immediately. "It isn't of the slightest consequence, Miss Beckwith," she said graciously. "Puss had no business in your room, and I don't see how she got there. I'm only sorry you should have been annoyed."



The House of Olmstead

Now was the time for Dr. Duncan to appear, and elucidate the mystery, but Miss Beckwith spoke again so coaxingly, that he paused once more.

"But you'll let me replace it, please—will you not, Mrs. Olmstead? I know where there is one exactly like it down street, and it will give me so much pleasure. Ah, please!" as Mrs. Olmstead began a hasty and rather shocked disclaimer. That "please" must have melted the hardest heart in the world surely; and she went on, "Such a pretty vase, and nothing else will suit that corner half so well. I should be quite unhappy to go and leave it so, when it was all, my fault, too. Please let me have Jessica, and we'll go and get it before the asters fade. You'll not be so hard-hearted when I'm going tomorrow. There—I knew you couldn't! Run Jessica, and put on your things, and we'll be off in five minutes."

Dr. Duncan's door closed softly, as Mrs. Olmstead, muttering something about the dust pan, swept up the wreckage, and left the hall, followed by Jessica's swift little rush for her 'things.' When it opened again presently, the hall was deserted, and the gentleman went leisurely downstairs and out of the front door again.

It had just occurred to him that it would be as well to wire Barstow that he was coming tomorrow without fail.

So when the slender young lady in gray, with Jessica beside her, turned the corner into Main Street, a little later, they came suddenly upon Dr. Duncan chatting with a friend. And what more natural than that he should presently overtake them and beg permission to join in their walk. He was sure of a welcome from Jessica, and if Miss Beckwith had any objections they were not manifested on that occasion.

"But it isn't a walk," she explained lightly. "Much more important than that Dr. Duncan. Jessica and I are going shopping."

"For a vase," added Jessica happily, skipping along beside Miss Amy, and smiling up at him.

"A vase, Jessica? Then I'm sure you need me. I'm the best kind of a judge of vases. That's a mighty pretty one of Mrs. Olmstead's, by the way," he added craftily, "the one in the upper hall, Miss Beckwith."

Jessica and Miss Beckwith looked at each other. "That vase is no more, Dr. Duncan," the young lady said gravely, shaking her head. "We are seeking its counterpart."

"I broke it," explained Jessica penitently. "But it wasn't really my fault, was it, Miss Amy? The cat tripped me up—"

"A real catastrophe," murmured the gentleman, but Jessica went on earnestly. "She rushed right at me. And I stepped on her tail. That was the way, Dr. Duncan. I wasn't careless, really."

"I'm sure not, Jessica," he assured her. "But why did the cat rush at you? Is she so ferocious a beast as that? We must beware of her."

"But it wasn't her fault either," laughed Miss Beckwith. "I shooed the cat that tripped the girl that broke the vase—"

"That stood in the House of Olmstead," finished the doctor solemnly. "How is that, Jessica?"

"This is the House of Olmstead,—  
This is the vase that stood in the hall—  
Upstairs in the House of Olmstead."

Jessica's eyes shone. "Oh yes, Dr. Duncan! And this is the girl that broke the vase that stood in the hall, upstairs in the House of Olmstead."

"This is the cat with the wicked tail, that frightened the girl that broke the vase—" went on the gentleman smiling, and Miss Beckwith chimed in,

"This is the maiden all so pale,  
That shooed the cat with the wicked tail—"

I wonder how she got into my room, Jessica?"

Dr. Duncan made a gesture of mock contrition, "I am the culprit. She went into the hall with me. But it wasn't my fault, either, Jessica," he went on laughing. "She darted in before I knew it. Nothing could have stopped her."

Miss Beckwith turned with merry eyes. "Then Jessica,  
"This is the man who caused it all,  
By letting that cat get into the hall,"—

"To startle the maiden all so pale," prompted the gentleman as she paused, and Jessica danced with glee.

"Oh what fun! what fun!" she cried gaily. "Go on, do go on, Dr. Duncan. The priest comes next, you know; 'all shaven and shorn'—that married the man and the maid. Who'll he be Miss Amy?"

Dr. Duncan darted a quick glance toward Miss Beckwith, but she seemed quite unconscious. "Oh, it doesn't go any further, Jessica," she said a little hastily. "Isn't that the dearest little pony you ever saw, across the street? See—beyond the corner there."

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IGH up the mountain side was perched a log cabin. Live oak boughs spread like protecting arms above it. Birds sang to it. Breezes fanned it, and the breath of blooming magnolias fell like the spirit of Peace about it.

An old man, with white locks falling to his shoulders, sat in the doorway in the gloaming, smoking his pipe. The gambols of his little son of twelve,—the last of a large family, and his only living relative,—who was playing with a greyhound on the grassy slope before the door, interested him; and while he watched the pretty sport, with laughter in his eyes and a light word on his lips, a shot rang out of an adjacent thicket, and the old man fell,—wounded unto death,—on his own door-stone.

With a savage cry the boy ran to his father and lifted his head in his arms, striving with all his might, but striving vainly, to stanch the blood which was flowing from a wound in his father's breast. When the first stunning sensation had passed, the wounded man opened his eyes and the lad asked eagerly, "Who shot you, Daddy?"

"It was Lem—Lem Elarth."

"How do you know, Daddy, did you see him?"

"No, but he is my only enemy. Except for him, I should be at peace with all the world."

"Oh, Daddy! Daddy!"—his voice rising in a half shriek,—“are you going to die?"

Gasping with pain, the old man went on. "It was Lem Elarth who hounded me out of the blue grass to this little hut in the clearin'." Not content with that, he has followed me here, to harass and embitter my life." After a pause he said in a voice made hoarse by pain, "It was no fault of mine that bad blood lay betwixt his kin an' mine. That was long ago, and they're all dead now. Why couldn't he leave me in peace?"

His eyes closed in a short silence., "Only last week we had trouble over them dead an' gone old kin-folk. He threatened me then; and oh, my boy, my boy!—he's got me at last."

His glazing eyes closed, and as the boy wiped the little death-bubbles from his lips, he leaned low and whispered, "You'll forgive him, won't you Daddy?"

"Forgive,—forgive?" cried the old man, lifting himself feebly, and gazing wildly around, "Who says forgive?"

Then with his last remnant of strength, and in terrible language, in the feudal fashion of the time and place, he made his son, his little son, swear that as soon as he could handle a gun effectively, he would not rest until the last Elarth was swept from the face of the earth. And Jamie, poor little lad, white with horror of the whole infamous tragedy, and yet with some dim idea of upholding the family honor, swore that he would avenge his father's death, according to his last injunction.

Unobserved, Cissy Dean had come around the corner of the cabin, and had been a horrified witness of all that had passed. Now, seeing the need, she brought a gourd full of water from the spring at the foot of the slope, and helped Jamie bathe the brow of the dying man; then when he was past all human help, sped, light-footed as a fawn, down the mountain side to spread the sad news.

Very soon the place was crowded with excited mountaineers, who cared for the old man as kindly neighbors will in time of trouble, and the boy Jamie was forgotten. Cissy came upon him at the back of the cabin, leaning against the rough logs and sobbing as only a child can sob when bereft of his only earthly hope and stay and left in the world alone.

With desire to comfort, Cissy crept close to him, saying nothing until the sobs had lost their keenest edge of grief; then she whispered, "Jamie,—say, Jamie, you are not going to do that, are you?"

After a long shuddering sob, Jamie gasped, "Do what?"

"What your father said."

"I've sworn to."

"What, Jamie, kill all the Elarths?"

Another silence, broken only by poor Jamie's weeping, then coaxingly, "You ain't going to are you, Jamie?"

"Go 'way an' lem me lone. I—I hef to."



Jamie Truman



The Log Cabin on the Mountain Side.

Cissy was still so long, that Jamie, wondering if she had gone, slipped one eye over the edge of his sleeve to see, and Cissy said softly, "You know what the circuit rider told us last preachin' time?"

Waiting a little for the answer that did not come, she went on shyly. "He said, an' he read it outen the Bible, too, 'Thou shalt not kill.'"

Another silence, then, "Now are you?"

After a long pause, during which Jamie wrung and twisted in the stress of his heart grief, he sobbed out, "Bible says ye must obey yer parents; an'—Daddy said fer me to."

"Oh, Jamie."

A forlorn little figure was trudging sturdily up the rocky mountain road. A dog equally forlorn kept him company. It was Jamie,—poor little lad,—homeless, friendless, and heart-hurt, going, on his own recognizance, to deliver himself as bound boy into the hand of Abraham Bond, farmer and stock raiser, over in the blue grass country.

With his resolve unshaken to avenge the death of his father, Jamie had torn himself away from the cabin, away from the scenes of

## The Feudist's Revenge

BY MRS. JULIA M. KLINCK

• PART I.

his childhood, away from Cissy and his old playmates, but not away from his sad memories. Time, haply, dulls the grief of the young, and though they remember, it is with a sweet sadness, which oft-times works good in their lives. Not so Jamie. Torn away from all things he knew before, in his heart- and homesickness, his mind dwelt constantly upon the horrible scene enacted so quickly before his eyes; and with every remembrance of his father's snowy locks dappled with blood, his resolve grew firmer to carry out his grim commission.

To this end he practised unceasingly with his gun, glorying over every rabbit bird, or squirrel, that he could fell. Needless to say, the prayers his mother had taught him were forgotten now. All the good in his nature was crowded down and the brutal element, which at times crops out in the natures of boys better environed, became his ruling characteristic. So the years sped by, and at fifteen Jamie had grown large and strong, and held the championship for being the best runner in the country, and the best wrestler of his age or weight; but in kindness and in manners much was left to be desired.

About this time came a letter from Cissy written in a neat girlish hand, telling the simple news of the neighborhood.

They had been having spelling contests in the day-school, and she had taken the prize for her district; and next time she should go to the county seat and enter the county contest. She still had the penknife he had given her, and wouldn't be please answer? Then in a postscript, oh, may be, (she had not thought of it before,) maybe Jamie had won the prize in his district, and who knew but they might be in the county contest together.

Now all this was grief and humiliation to Jamie. In the old log school-house, when they "chose up" on Friday afternoons, Cissy had always stood up longest on her side; but at the last he was sure to spell her down; reluctantly sometimes, to be sure; but now he was proud of the fact that in those old time spelling bouts he had always "won out." How was it now? Not within the doors of the school-house, hardly within the lids of a book, had he looked in all this time.

Disgusted with himself, angry that he had been distanced, and by a girl, he wandered to the woods and vented his spleen upon every live, wild, thing that came in his way, saying to himself that he wanted no schooling; for he felt instinctively that it would unfit him for the work to which he had set his hand.

He carried Cissy's letter in his pocket, read and reread it, admiring immensely her little curly gs and ys, and the evenness of her crude vertical hand. Admiration breeds emulation; and before the week was out Jamie had hunted up his old copy book, and by dint of much diligent practice, had improved his own penmanship to a remarkable degree.

Then he had a "tussle" with his speller. He hired Bobby Bond to "put out" words to him for "a squirrel skin an hour," and in time acquired so much self respect, based on his skill at spelling, that he decided to go to the county contest at all hazards, but of course keeping well out of range of Cissy's sharp eyes.

Somehow as Jamie studied he grew more and more interested. It often happens that way. He was in the old days a willing lad at his lessons; but there is a vast difference between doing tasks and learning on one's own account. Now Jamie found that he really wished to learn; and though Cissy might never know it, he was bound to bring himself up to Cissy's level in spelling at least. Then when sufficient practise had made him bold, he answered Cissy's letter.

"Cissy Dean—

When is your spelling bee to be? Where is lem elarth; I can pick a squirrel off a tree any day now. James Truman."

To this letter (which demonstrated that, though its writer could spell a little, he was sadly lacking at other points,) came the answer in hot haste.

"Dear Jamie—

Our County Contest will be held in Hapgood's Hall, in Frankfort, March tenth. Are you in it? Please don't shoot Lem Elarth. It is bad enough to shoot squirrels. Anyhow you was too little to swear. Cissy Dean."

All these appeals moved him not, shoot Lem Elarth on sight. His yearning to see Cissy, however, took him to the county contest as he had planned. It cost him a good wolf hide and a coon skin or two, for Bobby Bond came high in a crisis, and he must be hired to do Jamie's work in his absence; but it was worth to Jamie all it cost him to see Cissy triumphant as of yore, as rank and file went down before her. Now as she stood alone, flushing and victorious, the word "Yaourt" was pronounced. Cissy hesitated. "A Turkish drink," suggested the teacher. It might as well have been Greek tippie. Cissy did not know the word and would not undertake it. "Who can spell it?" sang out the teacher. Like a flash came the answer, "I can," and forgetting his resolution to keep strictly in the background, Jamie stepped forth boldly and spelled the word correctly, not at all daunted to find himself the center of all eyes for the moment.

(To be Continued)

But dost thou love life? then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Franklin.



Cissy Dean



# THE FINDING OF HOLLIS

BY L. G. POWERS

**S**O LONG, boys," shouted Grant Hollis gayly waving his sombrero above his head as he put spurs to his broncho, dashed out his ranch gates, and began his journey to the village twenty miles away—but twenty miles over the plains of the great southwest is but a lover's journey on the back of a fleet footed broncho.

"Good luck to you," yelled a dozen voices and more than one cow whip snapped behind him as a good luck send off. The men, after watching his tall well-proportioned form until it grew small in the distance made their way to the pocket between two sand dunes where the lazy smoke was beginning to curl heaven ward.

Hollis had been deep in the wilds all summer, too deep to write or receive letters, journeying from ranch to ranch and herd to herd, buying here a dozen and there a score until he had bunched several carloads of what he considered the cream of the Western Grass and brought them over weary miles to his ranch, intending to select the best specimens for winter feeding and sell the remainder. They were weary days with but one sweet thought in them all—the thought of one day being able to make pretty Mattie Matson his wife. Every day's labor, every night's camp meant only that they brought him nearer her. How often while lying upon his blanket under the silent stars had he pictured his home-coming, how he would take her little hands in his and look into the face so dear to him. He had never asked her to be his wife, but he believed that she understood, and a warm sweet thrill came over him at the thought.

The sun sank and lost itself behind billowing clouds, and black darkness covered the earth before he drew rein at the door of the single village hotel.

It did not take him long to get supper, a bath, a shave, and get into his "civilization rags" and set out for the vine covered cottage at the end of the street.

The breath of flowers came to him as he neared the gate, and he paused an instant to drink in their fragrance before opening the gate. It was a bright home-like view that met his eyes, but it sent a chill over him and he was trembling as with cold when Mrs. Matson hurried forward to greet him. Mattie greeted him coolly, although once or twice he thought that the flush on her face deepened and there was a glad light in her eyes which drooped beneath his, but he looked at the dark-faced stranger who in turn looked at him with anything but pleasure. "What was he doing there?" There was but one answer for him, and after the first greeting was over he sat silent and studied his rival, for he told himself that he was nothing less.

The man, with his smooth flow of language and polished manners, was all he was not, Grant Hollis told himself, and surely Mattie and her mother seemed on most familiar terms. There was no formality in the Jack, as they called Jack Hadson, and he noticed how Mattie laughed at his witticisms.

He did not remain long, but slowly made his way back to the hotel. He was dog-tired, though he did not know it before, and after changing his clothes he flung himself upon the bed, but he could not sleep—the very air of the place seemed to stifle him, so he arose, saddled his broncho and struck out over the plains, better the howlings of the coyotes, than the hum of the village to him.

Hollis was in camp the next morning, and more than one of the boys looked knowingly at his pale face and the dark rings around his eyes but made no comment; only one or two smiled pityingly at his feeble attempt to be merry, and left him alone.

This was but the beginning. Evening after evening did he ride to the village only to find Jack Hadson by Mattie's side; evening after evening did the two forces contending in his heart grow stronger; but he was a man of nerve and he played his bluff well. Sometimes as he lay restless and wakeful by his camp fire, he was appalled at the capacity of his feelings—at the fury that seemed to possess him—to dog his footsteps and send him worn and weary at daylight to sit upon the back of his broncho and brood over his troubles.

Over and over again did he reason with himself at the absurdity of his suit, and strive to persuade his heart to relinquish its desire. The girl was not fitted, dainty and fragile as she was, to endure ranch life. She knew nothing of cattle

—could take no interest in his business, and he had heard of people being unhappy and mis-mated on that account. Hadson, polished, educated, was more congenial. He was of her class, while Hollis had nothing but his strong hands, muscular frame, and true heart, for his tongue had never been able to turn the neat phrases that catch ladies' ears. The broad acres of his ranch would bring something upon the market, and his cattle were his stock in trade; he would sell them and buy more, that was his business. He had always taken pride in his vocation—prided himself upon his ability to ride up to a herd and at a glance select the finest, but that time was past. He would gladly have given all for only the capacity to talk smoothly or to have polished manners. He had lost all pride of possession.

Love knows no reasonings, however, and in spite of all arguments Hollis' heart held true to the star of his affections, and he found himself longing, as always, for the sight of her face and the touch of her hand. He was bearing his burden bravely, but, in bowing his strong shoulders to the cross fate seemed to have fitted for them, his endurance was limited—he could not see the happiness of another.

A month had gone by. The September sun was turning the long prairie grass to a golden brown, and the quail were calling softly to each other. It was a bright morning and as far as the eye could reach cattle were grazing. In the pocket between the dunes men were surrounding the camp fires and the smell of frying bacon was upon the air. Grant Hollis sat solitary and alone upon his broncho looking out over the prairie. Men pause before burning the bridges they have prepared long and carefully, but he had paused long enough. There was none to care if he lived or fell by the way; so it did not matter much, and his plans were all laid. He had put his ranch upon the market, and the cars that were to take his cattle to market were upon the siding. Sitting there he could see the long black line in the distance, and he was to go with them. He was going anywhere—he didn't care much where, only he could not stay there.

He had not visited Mattie for more than a week, but every night he saw her walking by the side of Jack Hadson in the moonlight. He had dug spurs into the sides of his broncho and dashed out into the prairie to keep down the wild passion within—the passion of murder. Sitting in the morning sunlight he knew that he must go—must put miles between him and the man who had robbed him. There was no use of further delay, so he sent a shrill whistle over the plain.

The cowboys in the pocket sprang to their bronchoes, and were soon gathering in suppressed excitement around their chief. Two by two they depart to gather in the stragglers and round the herd to a common

center. When all were gone Hollis from his position on top of a dune sat silent and still to watch the progress of the round-up, ready to dash in to break any grind that might occur, for there must be no milling of his herd.

After a time the stragglers began to come in, and just as the grazing herd had begun to grow restless Hollis' eye caught sight of the head of a man riding leisurely along in the path of the herd.

With a loud cry of warning Hollis stuck spurs to his broncho and started towards the man. It is death to one unaccustomed to be caught in the herd. Before he reached the man the cattle began to surge restlessly this way and then that, tossing their horns, pawing the earth and bellowing.

The man seemed hardly to realize his danger, as he only quickened the pace of his horse, but did not turn back. The horse with a wild snort, however, reared and threw his rider, then galloped wildly back the way he had come.

Hollis urged his broncho onward, well knowing that he was taking his life in his hands by thus riding in front of the herd, and faint and clear behind him came the shouts of the boys and the thunder of hoofs. As he reached the side of the man he drew rein, and it was not until that moment that he looked into the man's face—it was Jack Hadson!

So quickly did Hollis' hand tighten upon the rein that the broncho reared and pawed the air. The now thoroughly frightened man grasped his leg. For an instant the demon raged in the heart of the mounted man. It was only to turn his broncho's head for a little and this man who had come into his life to wreck it would be out of his way forever! No one would ever know, and death must come in the end to us all! His own chances of life were lessened with the broncho burdened and self preservation comes first. He kicked out his leg to loosen the man's hold. The man cowered but did not break his grasp. With a bitter oath Hollis raised his heavy whipstock. The cold sweat came out upon his forehead. A black mist seemed to come between his eyes and the white up-turned face. He caught his breath. "Is the love of a woman's face to make him a murderer?"

He reached out his hand and drew the man up behind him. "Live or die, we'll go together!" he said hoarsely, and waving his sombrero wildly he urged his broncho forward. Wild eyed and terrible the cattle surged about them, a maelstrom of broad backs and tossing horns. On, on! Their lives were with the little broncho; should he stumble or falter, death swift and terrible beneath the sharp hoofs was theirs; they must ride with the herd.

Gradually the excitement grew less though the clouds of dust were suffocating and the din appalling. The cattle swayed this way and then that at the will of the commander, and was finally cut into sections.

When the herd was ahead, Hollis reined up his dripping, panting broncho and the man slipped to the earth. "You saved my life," he said holding out his hand.

Hollis pretended not to see the hand. "That's all right—I could do nothing else" he said carelessly and rode away.

At last the cattle were loaded, the sections sealed and consigned, and the trains would leave in two hours. Hollis, wearied to exhaustion, flung himself from his saddle at the door of the hotel for an hour's rest,—he was going with the cattle cars. A boy handed him a note.

He knew the delicate writing well and it sent the hot blood leaping through his veins.

"Dear Grant:" it ran, "You cannot mean to go away without coming to see me once more. Come, if only to let me thank you for saving cousin Jack's life.

Mattie."

For a little Hollis sat still. "Cousin!" he repeated, "why of course. I had only forgotten! Thank God, I saved him! Thank God I did not lose my manhood!" fervently.

It did not take him long to get into his "glad rags" and make his way to the cottage. Hollis did not go with the cattle train, and there is a big house upon the ranch, and a little woman is its mistress that big hearted Grant Hollis calls "wife," and a dark-faced man comes every year to visit then, and Jack Hadson has no better friend and admirer than Grant Hollis.



Hollis Urged His Broncho Onward."



# THE MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

BY EBEN E. REXFORD

## The Hydrangea Hortensis

**W**HAT hydrangea paniculata grandiflora is to the garden, that hydrangea hortensis is to the grower of plants in tubs or large pots, for general decorative purposes. Each summer we see fine specimens of this variety doing duty on the porch, or the veranda steps, or in some prominent place on the home grounds, and though we may become very familiar with it, we are always impressed afresh with its massive beauty whenever we come upon a new specimen. The more we see of it, the better opinion we have of it.

This variety of hydrangea has been a favorite for many years. The writer knows of many New England families who have plants in their possession dating back a quarter of a century. So large are they that they have been transplanted from time to time to vessels of larger size, until they are now in tubs that two men find it hard to lift. Many of these bushes have all the dignity of large shrubs, with a spread of five and six feet, and often hundreds of clusters of flowers can be counted on a single plant. The illustration accompanying this article is from a specimen on which over two hundred clusters were in bloom at one time. Some of these clusters measured eight inches across. And this specimen was one of ordinary size. Such a plant has a value beyond mere dollars and cents, and the family of which it is a member has a right to be proud of it, as many New England families are, of their grand old specimens, which could not be bought at any price.

This plant is of very easy culture. It likes a soil of rich loam, into which some sand has been worked to make it friable. Good drainage should be provided. While the plant is flowering and making its annual growth, it should be fed well. When development seems inclined to come to a stand-still, give no more fertilizer, and only enough water to prevent it from drying out at the roots. In November put it in the cellar, or some cool, dark place where it will be safe from frost, and encourage it to remain perfectly dormant until spring. This it will do if kept cool and away from the light, and very little water is given it. In March, bring it out of its winter quarters. Give it water, and light, and moderate warmth, and it will soon start into vigorous growth. Then apply your fertilizer, for a profuse crop of fine flowers depends largely upon generous treatment at this period. Do not dare to prune it in spring, as it blooms from branches developed the previous season, and to cut it back now would destroy much of its possibilities in the way of flowers. It should come into bloom by June, and thereafter, for months, it will be simply magnificent, its great globular cluster of pale pink flowers showing most effectively against the large, rich, shining green foliage with which the branches are thickly set. So beautiful are these leaves that the plant would be well worth growing if it had no flowers. Generally new branches will start while the plant is in bloom, and the development of these should be encouraged by frequent applications of rich food. Keep in mind the fact that the flowers of next season depend upon vigorous growth at this period. Neglect to feed the plant properly now and you need not expect much from it then. Pruning should be done after the blossoming period is over. Then go over the plant and cut out all the old wood that is not in a strong, healthy condition and prune back many of its branches to plump buds. If this is done, the plant is made to renew itself from year to year, and is always vigorous. It is frequently necessary to thin it out well, as an old plant may have many more branches than it needs. The aim should be to secure a strong vigorous growth each season, in order to keep the plant in proper condition for doing good work.

When a plant becomes so large that it occupies a tub inconvenient to move or handle, it may be pruned severely each season, thus keeping the number of its branches proportionate to the space allowed its roots. If it is given a top dressing of fresh soil in spring, and frequent applications of a fertilizer containing all the elements of plant growth, it will do very well for a number of years without shifting to a larger tub. The amateur florist will be delighted with this plant because of its freedom from insect enemies.

### Seasonable Suggestions

If you look among the Hollyhocks, Phloxes, and Delphiniums, and other perennial plants, you will probably find many seedlings. These should be transplanted to places where you would have them bloom next season.



Cut away the old Pansy branches. Fertilize the soil well about the plants. In a short time new growth will be made, and from this large, fine flowers may be expected during the latter part of the season.

Next month we may look for frosts. The Dahlias are generally in their prime at that period. If we keep them from injury until the first frost-wave passes over, we may reasonably expect the best flowers of the season from them during the cooler weather of early fall. Therefore make provisions, now, to give them the protection needed when frosty weather comes. Set some stout stakes among or about the plants, over which sheets can be spread on frosty nights. This will not entail much labor. If the work is not done now, the chances are that it will be hurriedly, and therefore

poorly, done when the time for protection is at hand. "A stitch in time saves nine," is a good old adage which applies in the garden as well as elsewhere.

Go over the Gladiolus beds and mark for rejection every plant not coming up to a high standard in size, form, and color. Superior varieties of this most excellent flower can now be had at so reasonable a price that we can afford to grow only the best. Tie a string about the stalks of the kinds you think it worth while to save.

Mark for removal next month, or early in October, such plants of perennials as seem out of place, or which you consider better adapted to other localities in the garden. Every woman knows that there is a particular place in nearly every room in the house for each piece of furniture in it. It takes time to find the particular place for each particular piece of furniture, but, when it is found harmony results. It is exactly the same in the garden. A plant that doesn't look well in some place may be just the thing needed to make some other place attractive. We must experiment with our plants, and shift them about until we find the places where they belong.

But these changes should be the result of careful thought, and study of the habits and peculiarities of our plants. See that the tall-growing kinds get into the background. If given place near the paths, they interfere with the view of the lawn and border, and make the home-grounds seem small. The low-growing kinds should have places in the foreground, and from these to the latter sorts at the rear there should be a gradual increase in size and height of the shrubs and perennials used. Such an arrangement always pleases, because it gives each plant a chance to display its charms most effectively, and the gradual increase of height gives an effect of greater distance and spaciousness to the home grounds.

Prune the hybrid perpetual Roses well, at this season, and fertilize the soil generously about them. Fine flowers, during the fall months, depend on the thoroughness with which this work is done.

If you want annuals for the winter window-garden, start them now. Sweet Alyssum, Petunia, Nasturtium, Stock, Browallia—all these do well in the living room in winter, if not kept too warm, and the red spider is prevented from injuring them, as he may be if they



Hydrangea Hortensis

are showered frequently and liberally with clear water. Some of these "common" plants give better satisfaction than the expensive ones bought of the florist.

Repot Callas the latter part of this month. Give them a rich, mucky soil, if possible. Do not remove the small plants. Leave these to furnish foliage to make the base of the plant attractive.

Do not pinch back Chrysanthemums after the middle of the month. If planted out, get everything in readiness for potting them during the first of September. Keep the plants well tied up, to avoid their being broken by sudden winds. If the black beetle is discovered on them, apply an emulsion of kerosene and soap promptly.

Repot seedling Cinerarias intended for winter flowering. Procure young plants of Primula Obconica and Chinese Primrose, also of Loraine Begonias.

While few bulbs can be planted to advantage this month, it is well to get ready for them. Send in your order as soon as the fall catalogues are received. Then decide where your bulb beds are to be, and spade up the ground thoroughly to the depth of a foot and a half. Work the soil over until it is as fine and mellow as it can possibly be made, mixing into it a liberal amount of old cow-manure, if it is obtainable. If not, bone meal and other commercial fertilizers can be substituted.

Be sure to choose a well-drained location for the bulb-bed. If not well drained, naturally, arrange for the best of drainage. Nothing injures a bulb more than water or a heavy, wet soil about its roots.

Do not make the mistake of planting all kinds of bulbs in the same bed. Give the Tulips a bed by themselves, and keep the Hyacinths away from Narcissus and Crocus. None of these plants are pleasing when all kinds are jumbled in together.

Repot Boston Fern, cutting away most of the old foliage. Encourage the plants to renew themselves for winter by giving weekly applications of some good fertilizer as soon as the repotted plants begin to grow. But don't give them any until growth begins.

Smilax which has been allowed to remain dormant during the summer should have its roots shaken out of the old soil, and be repotted in rich, sandy loam. Generally the old roots can be broken apart in such a manner as to make several young plants out of each old one.

Get your hanging baskets ready now, if this work has not already been done. Use a rich soil. Do not crowd a large number of small plants into each basket, as is generally done, but depend upon two or three strong plants to furnish the foliage needed. They will do this, if you give them proper treatment. As soon as they begin to send out branches, pinch off the ends of them, and keep on doing this until you have enough to cover the basket satisfactorily. Be sure to keep the baskets well watered. Nine times out of ten failure results because not enough water is used to keep the soil moist all through. Keep this in mind, and water accordingly.

### Questions and Answers

**Mealy Bug.** "A white, cottony substance forms on my plants. It doesn't look like a live thing, but if I stir it up I discover that there is life about it. How can I get rid of it?"—L. R.

Your "cottony substance" is the mealy bug. It is chiefly found on oleanders, lemons, and other hard-wooded plants, and is pretty sure to take possession of colons and similar plants; if they are wintered in the house. Kerosene emulsion is as effective as anything I know of. Go over the plants one by one, applying the emulsion with a brush, being careful to work it in among the branches and the axil of the leaf.

**Worms in Soil.** "What will kill the little wiry white worms in the soil of pot-plants?"—Mrs. W. F.

Lime water. Take a piece of perfectly fresh lime—air-slaked lime is worthless—put it into a pailful of rain water, and let it dissolve. When the sediment of the lime settles to the bottom, pour off the clear water above, and apply enough to each plant to thoroughly saturate all the soil in the pot. A lesser quantity will do little good. If one application does not put the worms to rout, repeat the application. The liberal and persistent use of it will ultimately cause the expulsion of the worms.

**Suckers on Palms.** "I have a palm which has thrown out a sucker near the base of the plant. Shall I remove it?"—L. R.

No. Let it remain, and help to furnish foliage for the plant. "Make-up" palms, which are so popular, are composed of three or four plants, small ones being worked in about larger ones for the purpose of providing foliage that will take away the bare look at the base of large plants. Suckers, or sprouts, if allowed to grow, will do this, therefore they should never be removed.



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The Old Fashioned Southern Kitchen

By Madeline A. M. Rowell

To give you an idea of an old-fashioned Southern kitchen I must draw upon my memory, as I would to describe some old picture which left its impression upon my life many years ago. Though born and reared in the Southland, I must admit that I had no practical knowledge of kitchen mysteries,—save only that which came through the sense of taste, and sight. After so many years I fear that I may fail to record much that might prove interesting.

Its Situation

In the first place, the old Southern kitchen was situated quite a little distance back from the "house"—as the residence was commonly called—but a well-beaten path led from one to the other. It was fashioned of logs, with its huge log chimney projecting out from one side, and its heavy puncheon door and floor. It was guiltless of window glass, and had

back, through the years of observation and experience, I wonder more and more at her faithful, earnest, uncomplaining energy; her whole life devoted to the interests of her owners—simply contented with a few kind words and the wherewithal to eat and be clothed, even though the apparel were the very plainest. I greatly fear that many whose stations in life were more exalted failed to possess the pure Christian spirit which alone could make such life endurable.

Kitchen Equipment

This old kitchen had its great, wide fireplace—almost covering one side of the room. There were heavy andirons upon which to rest the logs, and across it was stretched the iron rod, or crane—in some instances a small green pole—from which hung the traditional pot hook for holding the kettles, great and small, in which boiled dinners, meat or vegetables, were cooked.

There was a great wide hearth of brick or stone, and on either side the jamb were the shovel, tongs, poker, etc., not the slight, poorly made articles like



AN OLD-TIME SOUTHERN HOME SHOWING KITCHEN IN THE REAR

wide openings each side the door, near which stood the rough table secured in some way to the wall. The ceiling was usually dark and smoky, and the thought of renovating it seldom entered the owner's mind. There were rough shelves for holding necessary articles, but regardless of all the bare homeliness surrounding it, its capacity for sending out the most appetizing dishes was truly wonderful.

A Delight of Vacation Days

I find myself involuntarily describing a country kitchen—because, during my long summer visits, in vacation time, the kitchen was one of the chief attractions—the Mecca of my childhood (and, even in later years, of my womanhood). The good, old cook would invariably have some rare treasure for "us children" in the shape of a lovely red apple, a tiny pie, a cake, or perhaps nothing more than a lump of sugar, or a few raisins. However, it takes but small trifles to satisfy a happy child. Well would it be for us, if in later years there still existed that sweet, childlike spirit of contentment and thankfulness for every blessing, however small.

The Good Old Colored Cook

This old kitchen was full of inconveniences, and bare of comforts. It was entirely under the care of the cook—herself a lowly slave-woman. Now, as I look

those of the present day, but made to endure the rough heavy usage they received. There were the large, round, bake ovens, with legs long enough to raise them from the hearth, allowing space beneath for hot embers of coals. A tight heavy cover fitted closely on the top upon which would be heaped just enough fire to brown the contents within.

The Marriage Feast

There were no caterers in those good old days, and if a party or wedding was on hand what a wealth of good things came from that dingy old kitchen—more substantial repasts than usual in our northern cities. Instead of jellies and ice creams there were huge pyramids of cakes of all descriptions, floating islands, whips, custards, besides the meats previously mentioned. Indeed those were gala days and long to be remembered.

Feasts Fit for Kings

Oh! what delicious egg-bread, biscuit, light-bread, and corn pones issued from these ovens! None other can taste quite so good. There were the roasted trukeys, chickens, and ducks, even the young tender pig. No product of a cooking stove has ever yet possessed, for me, the same sweet, delicious flavor which somehow seemed especially to belong to the output of those same old, iron ovens.

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For 36 bust the waist No. 2435 requires 2½ yards of material 36 inches wide. The pattern comes in sizes—32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust measure.

This pretty model No. 2432 is particularly adaptable to the separate skirts of serge, thin flannel—either in plain colors or striped—heavy linen, duck, Indian-head cotton or cotton voile. The front is made with a princess panel effect, and ornamented with buttons, these buttons forming the fastening on the left side. The back is made with a centre seam and an inverted box-plait. It is fitted over the hips by darts. A wide bias band of the material is set on as a trimming above the hem; or the skirt may be left plain if desired. For 26 waist the skirt No. 2432 requires 5 yards of material 36 inches wide, ¾ yard 36 inches wide extra for bias band. Width of lower edge about four yards. The pattern comes in sizes—22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure.

In making this dainty set of short clothes, No. 2425, for the small child, the best material for its development are batiste and jaconet. The drawers and the little petticoat (which is fashioned with a very full skirt attached to a waist) are made of the jaconet. The simple little dress is gathered into a square yoke of all over embroidery, finished with a narrow edging, and the sleeves are gathered into tight bands of similar embroidery and edging. The pretty little Dutch cap is of batiste. For a child of 2 years the dress requires 1½ yard of material 36 inches wide as illustrated ¾ yard of all over embroidery 18 inches wide and 1¼ yard of edging. The petticoat needs 1½ yard 36 or 42 inches wide; the drawers need ¾ yard 36 inches wide; 1¼ yard of edging. The cap needs ¼ yard 36 inches wide, ¾ yard of ribbon for ties. The pattern comes in sizes—½, 1, 2 and 3 years.

A very stylish little frock is No. 2441 which was developed in Nile-green linen. The princess front panel makes it particularly becoming to the youthful figure of the growing girl and the plaited skirt is attached to the waist under a belt of the material which passes

through the front panel. The V-shaped neck, wide armholes, and belt are trimmed with narrow white cotton braid.

The guimpe is of white Swiss with a green embroidered dot, the collar and cuffs being of embroidery insertion, finished with a narrow edging to match. For a girl of 8 years the dress requires 2½ yards of material 36 inches wide; the guimpe needs 1½ yard 36 inches wide; 1 yard of insertion and ½ yard of edging to trim. The pattern comes in sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12 years.

Dark blue, brown, green or tan denim is usually chosen to develop these little all-cover garments, which protect the child from dust and dirt while playing out of doors. If desired the straps which pass over the shoulders and hold the garment in place may be of a contrasting material; the shaped pieces at the front, back and sides being of similar material. The back is made in two ways either extending to the waist line or above, and the right front is ornamented with a small square patch pocket. For a child of 5 years the overalls No. 2445 require 1½ yard of material 36 inches wide; as illustrated ¾ yard of contrasting material 27 inches wide. The pattern comes in sizes—1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 years.

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## "The Good Old Summer Time" IN THE KITCHEN

### A Wife's Soliloquy On Hot Weather Cookery.

By Mrs. M. D. Amadon.

Hot, the thermometer at ninety this morning on the north porch! Servant question still unsolved. Evidently, as the girl very quickly walked away last night and sent for her things and pay this morning, with the excuse that she was ill in bed, although I saw her half an hour ago walking in the park. It puts a cross-eyed appearance to every thing, doesn't it?

"Where is the man who can live without dining," Lord Lytton settled this absorbing question far easier, I fear, than the Rev. Mr. Sheldon would have done had he devoted the "Topeka Capital" for a week to the defense of wives and mothers from hot days and unreliable help. But the working woman is not a topic for discussion just now, although her rights for ingenious work abound on every hand in this age of advance thought along the lines of healthful cookery. I believe a dinner served at one o'clock that makes one comfortable and clear-headed for work in the after part of the day is a healthful one. It is of no use to sigh over unpleasantnesses, which if treated fairly will bring about favorable results, especially an art that has been put into famous verse against poetry, music, friends, books, etc. What skillful housewife will not work herself out of almost any dilemma if she has one or two things as starters, and at the same time preserve her own equilibrium, with a net gain to her household and herself as well, if she counts, as every true housewife does, on her health and happiness.

I think I will utilize the two things I have on hand today for a vegetable dinner. A pint of new peas left yesterday for soup and a dish of lentils. I think I can follow Miss G's. rule for a nut roast. "One pint of lentils, pass through a colander, one cup of walnuts, ground, (hickory nuts are better); one pint of dry breadcrumbs or zwieback; one cup of cream; salt to taste; steam two hours over a gas jet. Bake twenty minutes in a gas oven. Set the roast away to cool, finishing on the ice. Cut in slices and garnish with thin slices of lemon. This will be taken for pressed meat and it is (nut meats). A soup of the green peas, creamed potatoes, sliced tomatoes, cabbage salad, prepared with lemon juice, currant buns and cream sticks from the baker, fresh fruits and layer raisins.

### How to Make Cooking Easy in Mid-Summer

By Mrs. Isabelle Lyle

This a subject teeming with interest to all enterprising housekeepers, particularly during the sweltering days of July and August. In my judgment the first practical necessity is a cool, airy, and convenient kitchen, as this is the morning work room. It should be located if possible on the west side of the house, so as to escape the morning sun. It is a good arrangement to have a door facing north and one on the south side opposite. In this way the hot air can be expelled and we can catch a passing breeze if there is any. The next requisite is a modern gas or oil stove, which has done more to help decrease the temperature of the kitchen than anything else I know of. We will presume that we have every other equipment that the culinary department requires, and install a cook, initiated in all the mysteries of healthful scientific cooking. The very air breathes organized system in this intelligent workroom. Orderly method lightens all labor, and none more than cooking. The watchwords of the household of which this ideal kitchen is a part, are consideration of others, promptness, and dispatch. The

meals are on time and served happily. In my humble opinion if the above conditions fail to help make cooking easy, your only hope is to hie away into the country to a secluded spot in a shady grove, pitch your tent and cast your net, and attempt to live as did the only real Americans long ago. In the meantime make up your mind to cultivate a temperate appetite during tropical weather, and while basking in your cool retreat, try to solve the problem how to bridle "Old Sol's" scorching propensities and thus make cooking easier in midsummer.

### Early Rising and Avoidance of Midday Work.

By Mrs. Marie H. Sprague.

When the mercury begins to frolic up around the nineties and the weather becomes hot and congested, the housewife adjusts her thinking cap and casts about for easy methods whereby the appetites of her family may be appeased, food, nourishing and nutritious, may be concocted, and strength and serenity conserved. We have learned that through certain months of the year, heavy meats and gravies, rich pastry and cakes, are not necessary to our well-being. Consequently they no longer appear upon the daily menus in summer time. In cities and larger towns the gas range is in evidence, together with the gasoline stove, but in country homes the big wood range is generally used and in the close, hot kitchen the situation is most aggravating. Iced drinks are palatable and can be prepared in the early morning. Salads of various kinds can also be gotten out of the way at the same time.

Not all dishes that appeal to the eye tickle the palate, but a properly made salad of nuts, salmon, chicken, or veal on a bed of crispy lettuce leaves and covered with a good dressing combines both qualities. Meat loaf, together with a cold roast sliced nicely and garnished with parsley, or sliced beets and tomatoes, fill any want in the meat line. Steak is quickly broiled, and potatoes can be cooked in small quantities, so that several meals can be prepared without much trouble. Vegetables, like peas, beans and corn, can be gotten ready in the evening or early morning. Cookies and small fancy cakes, together with the various wafers and cereal biscuit can be always on hand. The breakfast foods are legion, and served with sweet cream and fruit, one need never complain of monotony. Fruit in its various seasons should be given prominence at each meal.

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#### Heat Lemons

If lemons are heated before squeezing much more juice will be obtained.—Mrs. C. A. L.

#### A Good Use for Rice

A few grains of rice in a salt shaker will prevent the salt from caking and cause it to sprinkle out freely.—A. J. B.

#### Making Starch

Try using rather soapy water in making starch; it will be found glossier and the iron will not adhere to the fabric.—Mrs. F. Balhagen.

#### To Keep Stove-blackening from Burning Off

It is worth much to know that linseed oil rubbed over the kitchen range will prevent the blackening from burning off. Go over the surface with a little oil each morning.

#### To Remove Burnt Taste

When anything on top of the stove has burnt, put the utensil, just as it is, in a pan of cold water. Unless very badly burnt the burnt taste will disappear.—Rebecca L. Tabb.

#### Good Healing Salve

Use either beef or mutton tallow, about three parts to one of coal oil; melt tallow and mix. It is good for stings as well as other sores. Coal oil alone will stop pain caused by stings.—Mrs. A. B.

#### For Bruises

Hold the bruised parts in hot water as hot as can be borne for some time. If the bruise is where you cannot use the water use a cloth wrung out of hot water and place on the bruised parts. Great relief will follow.—Mrs. F. W. S.

#### Variety the Spice of Life

One grows tired of the same diet be it ever so wholesome. Try adding chopped nuts, raisins, figs, dates, and even currants to the staid wheaten loaf, (I mean the entire wheat flour) and behold! a delicious fruitcake (or bread).—L. E. E.

#### Use for Oil Cloth

Table oilcloth makes a neat and serviceable covering for unpainted ceilings in bedrooms, kitchens, bathrooms, etc., and is very easily cleaned; may also be used as a floor covering for small bedrooms, by using plenty of rugs.—Mrs. L. L. B.

#### In Cooking Pork

When pork is put up in brine it should be washed thoroughly, and soaked in cold water over night before it is cooked. Let the water be boiling rapidly when it is put in to cook. Boil a few minutes and put back and let it boil slowly till tender. Add more hot water as it boils away, or it may be too salty.—Mrs. A. A. H.

#### Rack for Overshoes

A neat rack for overshoes and arctics can easily be made by any housewife, by making a wooden rack any size and driving nails in groups of two for each pair. This can be painted and hung on the back porch. It will look much neater than shoes scattered here and there, and it will save the housewife time when sweeping.—Kentucky.

#### Mounting Pictures on Glass

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#### Kitchen Dots

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are fresh. Turn a paper bag over your kitchen lamp chimney to keep it spotless in the day. Slip a bag over your hands when polishing the stove, handling the stove pipe, or cleaning out the ashes. Put your skillets in a hot bed of coals, in fireplace or grate, and the black will burn off, leaving them as clean as when new. It is easier doing that than scraping, and far more satisfactory. Save every little bit of soap for the wash boiler and add a piece of lump borax to your starch, also a little salt.—M. B. L.

#### Sewing on Buttons

In sewing on buttons, place a pin on the button so that the thread will pass over it. When the pin is removed space will be left between the button and garment for thin goods. Use a wire nail for buttons on thick goods. The thread is less liable to break in using or the cloth to be pulled out. The buttonhole and goods lie and look better.—S. C.

#### To Remove Ink Spots

Never allow ink spots to dry, but try the following before it has had time to set. If the goods is of such material that it will not run rub on salts of lemon. For goods which will not run sponge with milk until the ink is completely removed, then to take out the grease which the milk will leave sponge with benzine.—P. L. H.

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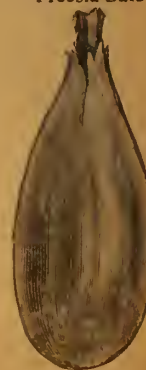
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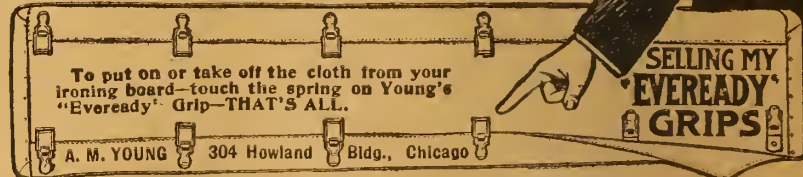
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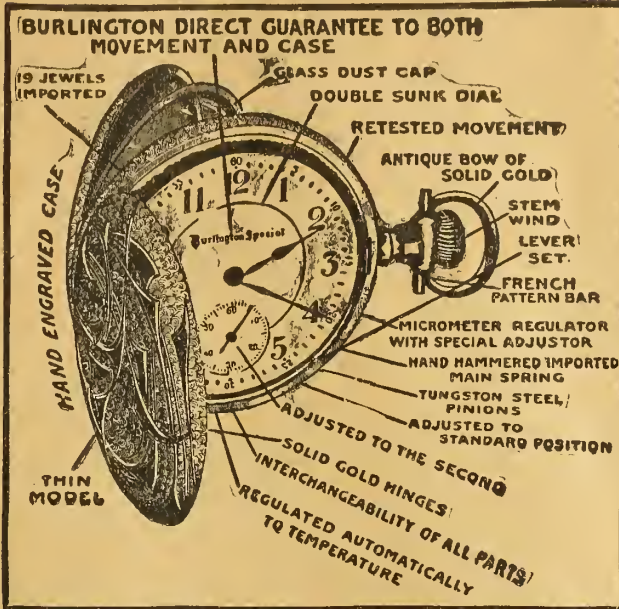
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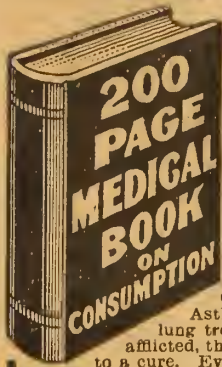
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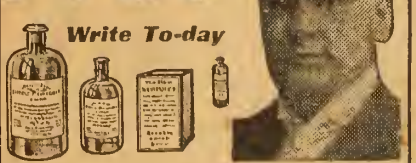
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## The House of Olmstead

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But Jessica was not to be diverted. "Oh do let it go on further," she begged earnestly. "Dr. Duncan, you'll not let it stop, will you? Can't you finish the story for us? Please do!"

"Indeed I can," very promptly. "If—if Miss Beckwith will permit me." This last was rather low.

Miss Beckwith did not seem to hear. "This is our shop, Jessica," she said again rather quickly. "And the very vase in the window that we came to seek. I suppose you are going on to the Post office, Dr. Duncan. Bring us all some letters, please," with a little nod of dismissal as she entered the shop.

"By no means. I am going in with you, urged the doctor, boldly following, Jessica. "I am the man who caused it all, and I'm going to buy that vase."

When it was bought and put up, he turned to a basket of pond lilies just brought in. "Miss Beckwith must have some of these," he said, selecting a big bunch from their cool freshness. "And Jessica, what's that little work box I see over there on the second shelf? Looks just the ticket for you. Run over and look at it carefully, and bring it back if it suits you. You know I'm going tomorrow."

Jessica ran off hastily, followed by the obliging shopman. Dr. Duncan turned to his companion quietly. "You go tomorrow too, I hear."

Miss Beckwith wondered how he had heard it, since her summons had but just come. But she did not ask, only smiled a little sadly as she answered, thinking of the long hours in the schoolroom soon to be her lot. Yes, her holiday was over.

"And mine too," added the doctor gravely. "But your home is on the way to Alton, isn't it? Will you give me the pleasure of escorting you? and—" hesitating a little, then speaking very low; "and, someday, will you let me finish the story—Amy?"

Jessica came dancing back with the dearest little box in the world, displaying its charms with ecstasy. Miss Beckwith looked and admired to the child's content, and Jessica was supremely happy. She chattered on about her dear little box all the way homeward, while Dr. Duncan watched her with amused eyes, though his answers were a little absent occasionally, and Miss Beckwith didn't talk at all. But at the door of the house of Olmstead, Jessica's thoughts came back with a rush.

"Oh, you will finish that story now, won't you?" she coaxed again. "It was such fun! When will you, Miss Amy?"

Dr. Duncan opened the door for them, and held out his hand, and as Miss Amy passed in, she gave him hers for a second, answering softly,

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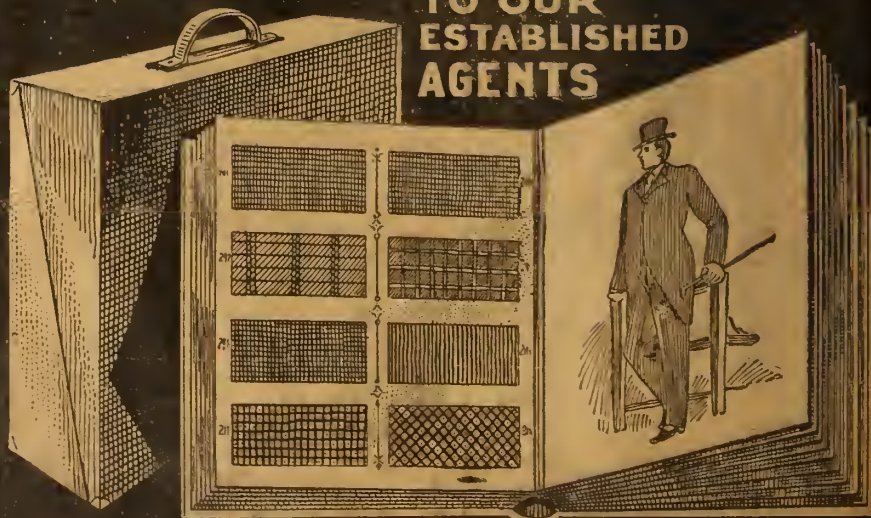
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in the hands of at least twelve doctors, some noted specialists, and the doctors all diagnosed my case as catarrh of the bowels and stomach. After I had given up all hope of getting well again, a friend of mine who had taken Dr. Thacher's treatment advised me to consult the doctor. I wrote him and he advised me. I made up my mind to make one more effort and give him a trial, and the result was that today I am as well and sound as ever I was, am attending to my business, which requires from 16 to 20 hours a day. I eat anything that is set before me, having perfect digestion, and I think Dr. Thacher's treatment is a blessing to suffering humanity, and would advise persons with chronic diseases to consult him, as I honestly believe he can do for others what he has done for me.

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## WITH THE PUBLISHERS

NOT a little was promised in our last number regarding the current issue of Vick's Magazine. A careful perusal of the October number will satisfy every reader that the reality far excels the promise. From the very first article, the splendid prose poem, "Give Her of the Fruit of Her Hands," by our greatest American poet,

## MR. EDWIN MARKHAM

to the last page, will be found a most valuable compendium of helpful and entertaining information, bearing chiefly upon the vastly important subject, "Woman's Worth and Work." Our readers will find the contents of this number not only most helpful along the special line indicated, but presenting a most pleasing variety of subject matter.

## A THREAD OF THOUGHT

It will be noted that the theme of the month often appears with entire naturalness, as a delicate thread running through the magazine, uniting its various departments and pages into one symmetrical and logical whole. This number will stand forth unique in the field of magazine production as the most valuable contribution ever made by any publication in this country to the most important subject: "Woman's Worth and Work."

## OUR NEXT NUMBER

What this issue is in its relation to "Woman's Worth and Work," our next number will be as to that other very important subject, "The Enjoyable Farm Home,"—the most complete and comprehensive treatise thereon thus far published. This question has assumed unusual importance and has attracted public notice everywhere of late by reason of the fact that President Theodore Roosevelt recently appointed

## A RURAL WELFARE COMMISSION

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## THE STAR LITERARY FEATURE

of the November number will be a most exquisite prose poem by Clara Morris, entitled "Ruth," being a tribute of love to one of antiquity's noblest women by one of her greatest modern sisters, a woman of world-wide fame, which rests securely upon her exceptional achievements, both in the field of dramatic art as well as in that of literature.

## OUR COVER

Lovers of the truly artistic will be much pleased with Vick's cover design for the month, which is the work of Waskow, one of the most accomplished artists of the middle west. The design is both a work of art and signally emblemizes the theme of this issue, "Woman's Worth and Work."

## "CHRISTMAS 'ROUND THE WORLD"

will be the theme of Vick's December issue, which will afford our readers much interesting and valuable information regarding the manner in which Christmas is observed throughout the world. In addition will appear a fine assortment of fascinating Christmas stories of interest to both old and young.

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Not only is Chicago the great industrial and commercial center of this mighty empire, but also the literary and publishing center of the same. Pre-eminently Chicago is the place where things are done strenuously and in a large way, and is, therefore, the proper place from which to send forth Vick's Magazine to all parts of the nation. It is always an affecting incident in the life of the individual when he determines to leave the home of his boyhood and youth in a small country town and enter the teaming life in a big city. The change, however, having been decided upon, he chokes down the sentiments of regret and, having bidden his loved ones adieu and paid a parting tribute to the dear dead ones he leaves behind, he manfully squares his shoulders, turns his back upon the old home, which is to be home to him no longer, and bravely goes forth into the battle of life to win the success of which he has long dreamed. Horace Greeley's advice, "Young man, go West," was never more appropos than in our own case. Chicago is the location for the headquarters of such a magazine as ours from every point of view—manufacture, circulation, advertising, mailing, and business.

In consequence of the re-location of our publication one issue of the magazine has been omitted, that for September, but every subscription will be put forward one month in consideration of the



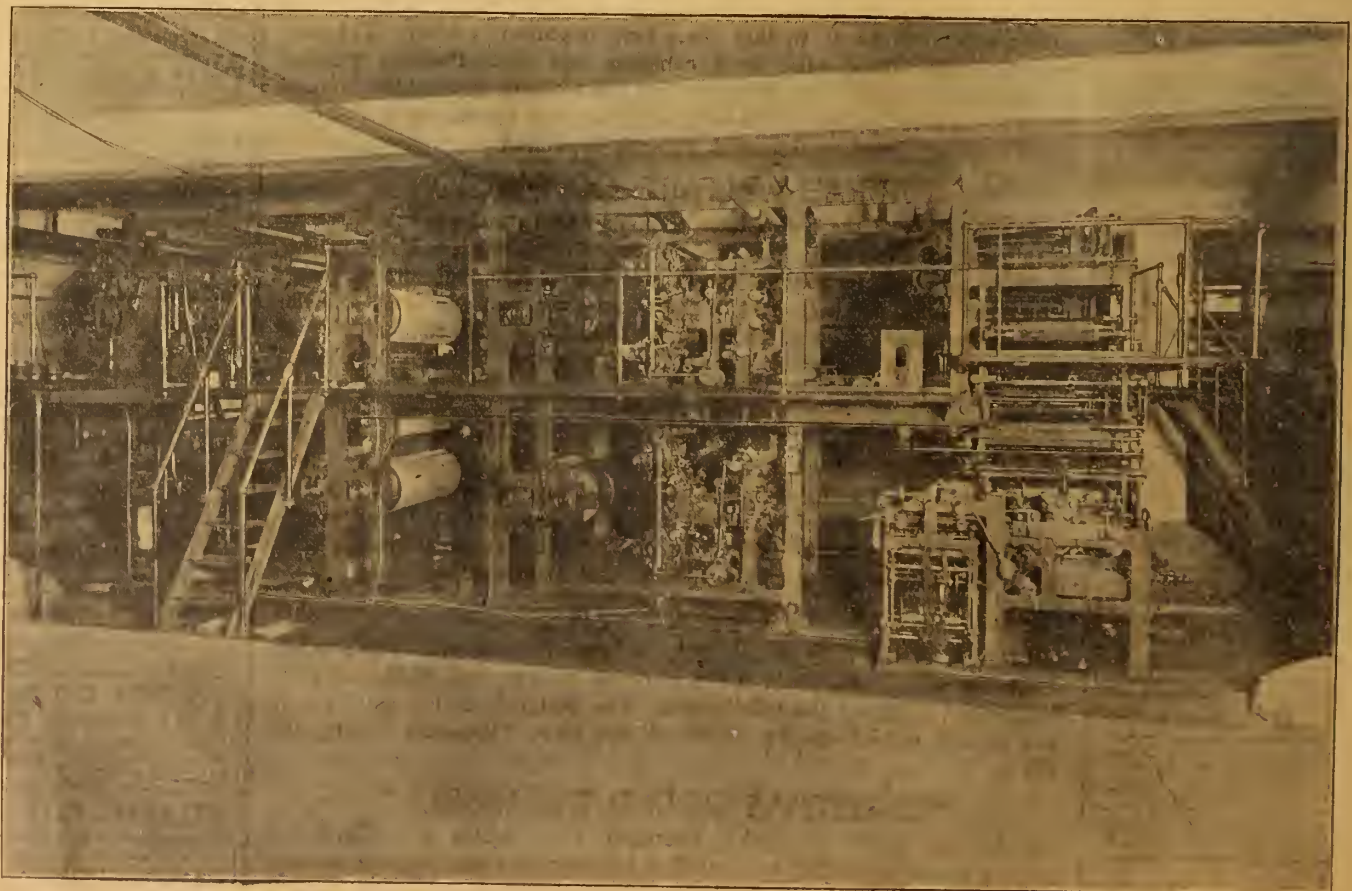
OUR NEW HOME

omission of our September number this year. In entering upon an enlarged life in a great city we have thought it seemly and proper to put on better clothes, a more engaging appearance, gratifying evidences of which are afforded in the exquisite and artistic design which adorns our cover page, and also in the greatly improved appearance of every page of the magazine, both typographically and artistically. Not only will our readers note this marked improvement in appearance, but also fully as great a betterment in the subject matter of the magazine itself. This splendid issue of Vick's is but a promise of even better things to follow. No effort or pains will be spared to make Vick's Magazine in every way the very best of its class in the world. We thereby confidently expect to retain not only our many thousands of friends, who have been so loyal to Vick's Magazine during the thirty years of its career, but to many

thousands more who will come to know and to love this publication as it has been known and loved by hundreds of thousands of the best men, women, and children who have lived in this country during the past quarter century.

The change of location just made not only means radical improvement in appearance and content, but also greatly improved methods and appliances for the production of the magazine. Herewith is presented a view of the magnificent fire-proof building of the Home Herald Company, at the corner of LaSalle avenue and Ohio street, Chicago, in which are located the offices of Vick's Magazine, and also an illustration of the new \$40,000 Hoe magazine perfecting press on which this and subsequent numbers of our magazine will be printed. This press is the newest and in every way finest magazine press in this country, and is more up-to-date and wonderful in the things that it will do than is any other press of its kind ever set up. It takes the blank paper from immense rolls for the printing of the body of the magazine and prints the same, and simultaneously takes the cover paper from other rolls and prints this in several colors, assembles the pages in proper order, stitches them together, and brings forth the magazine printed, folded, assembled and trimmed, all ready for mailing without any manual manipulation whatsoever. This great press is one of the sights of Chicago, and we would be much pleased to have any of our friends, when in the city, call and see what marvels it performs. The publishing plant from which our magazine issues not only has this press, but has a large battery of flat-beds that are constantly running and sending forth to the country every week millions of pages of the various publications issued therefrom.

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## The Fruit of Her Hands

By Edwin Markham

**"Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."**



HUMBLE dial-builder, once upon a time, approached a great man to carve a motto for a new-built dial. The sage, surly at this interruption of his cobweb cogitation, turned and croaked out: "Sirrah! Be about your business!"

"Ha, the very thing!" cried the dial-maker in delight. "A better mandate for the use of time was never flung out upon the pathway of the hours." And straightway he carved the legend upon his dial to speak its wisdom to the passers-by.

"Be about your business!" What better word for both man and woman—for the servants of the Great Purpose, the servants to whom is entrusted the business of the Father!

And what is this business? I am bold to say that the chief business of men and women in this age (and in every age) is to endeavor to shape and reshape the social state to the needs and aspirations of universal human nature. This does not mean that we should be petrified conservatives, nor rampant radicals; but that we should be servants wisely awake to every whisper of the social conscience, to every hint of the heart, for the extension of freedom and affectionate justice in the world. It means that we must persist in sleeping on our arms, always ready for a new departure whenever the bugle sounds on the mountain—always ready for a new advance toward the Holy City of our dream.

The glory of woman is her sympathy, as the glory of man is his reason. But neither sympathy nor reason is perfect without an infusion of the other. In the past, man's reason has lacked sympathy, and so has been cold, hard, static; while woman's sympathy has lacked reason, and so has been narrow, unbalanced, misguided. Her sympathy has been limited to the home, the church, the set.

But no sympathy is large and divine until it goes out to the whole humanity. I rejoice that the womanly sympathies of this day are breaking through the old traditions of dooryard and neighborhood, and are flooding out to encircle cities, and states, and peoples. It was once thought to be the whole business of woman to slave it in the kitchen or to queen it in the drawing-room. She was set apart as a theme for the sugared sonnets

of languishing poets, for the fine phrases of courtly Chesterfields. She was not a power in government save only through the dark and devious ways of intrigue. She was a mere supernumerary and accessory of institutions—a pretty bauble, splendid trinket. But a new spirit is moving on our disturbed and wonderful epoch. It is the apparition of woman. She is coming forth at last to take her

Woman, for instance, has inborn aptitude for studying social problems. For ages she has been shut out, as by a Chinese wall, from business and politics; and her life, tethered to home and church, has been a long schooling in social ethics. Here, then, she has experience, here she has insight. So she comes to social problems with warm sympathy, and with faith avering that things can be changed, and that whatever is wrong must be righted.

Woman has made the home, and now she must help to make that larger home—the state. She must come to the help of good government. For what is good government? It is nothing but good housekeeping—the larger housekeeping of the people.

And this feeling in woman for the betterment of the social order is growing everywhere. She is beginning to reach out to the slums of cities, to the perfidies of senates. Her pen is bright and busy. M. Ferdinand Brunetiere declares that "the new interest in social problems that has given distinctive stamp to contemporary fiction in all countries is largely due to women writers."

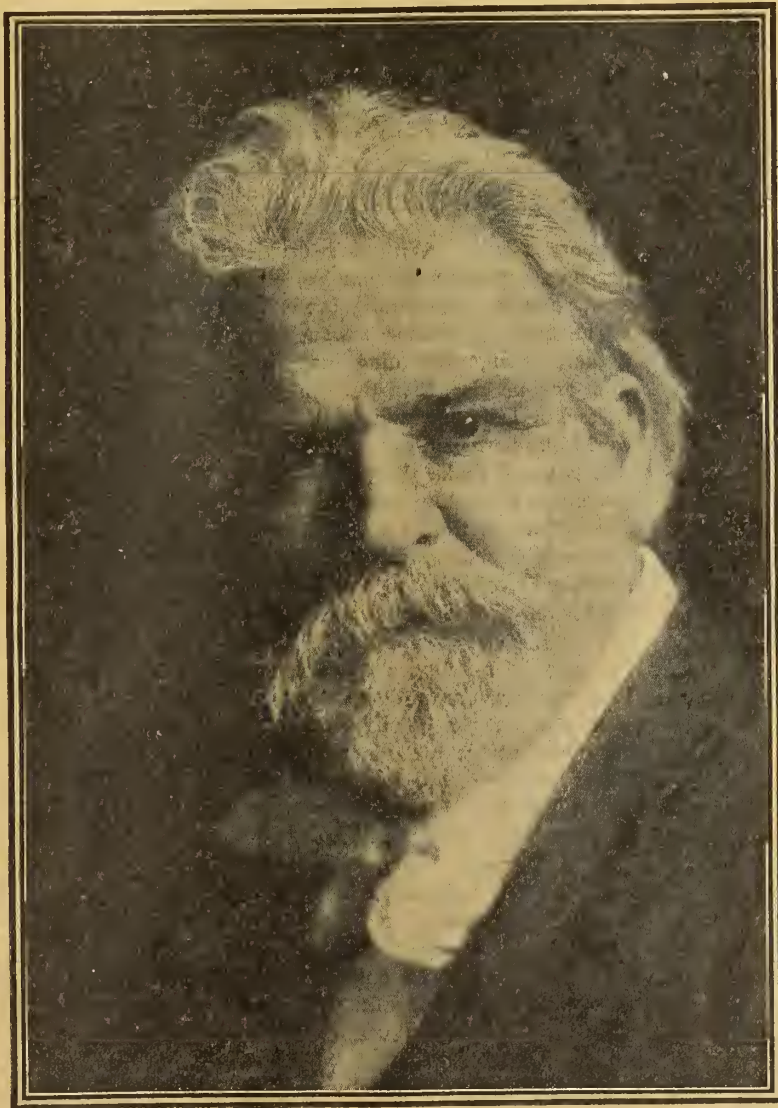
Woman's whole being (in its best moment) palpitates to help the world. Dare I not believe that Fanny Kemble's experience speaks for all? This great actress used to say that when standing in character before a vast audience that was thrilling to her words, quivering in sympathy to her every mood, she was often tempted to leave off her acting and suddenly to cry some word from her own heart to the heart of the people. And always, at such exalted moments, all she could think of to say was that old cry of mother to son, of God to man, "Be good! be good! be good!"

Yes; woman would have the world be good, but how can it be made good? Not by a cry from a stage, not by a shout on the street.

But rather by reaching a practical hand into the grime and grit of our work-a-day life.

Men and women need something to love and something to hope for. But under this love and this hope lies the bread-and-butter question—terribly practical and terribly persistent. And under this bread-and-butter question lies a right as old as the world and as deep as life itself—the right to work. Every man has a right to live—every

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place by the side of man in the world's affairs.

We need not enter into the vexed questions—"Shall woman invent and create, or shall she simply work over the old matter?" Nor need we take the thorny path where tongues and quills are fighting out the question, "Which is the better worker in art and literature, man or woman?" I care not for the contention that would weigh magnolia against oak, orange against apple. Each is perfect in its own sphere.



# WOMANLY WAYS OF EARNING MONEY

By Mrs. CYNTHIA WESTOVER ALDEN

[FOREWORD.—The article published herewith consists of carefully selected excerpts from a most excellent volume, "Women's Ways of Earning Money," published by the well-known New York firm, A. S. Barnes & Co., and written by Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, the world-famed president of the International Sunshine Society. This book is one of a most valuable series of six books, "The Woman's Home Library," edited by the well-known author, Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster. The other books of this library are, "The Mother's Manual," "Beauty Through Hygiene," "House and Home," "The Court-iesies," "Correct Writing and Speaking"—all good books that should find a place in every home. The first excerpt used is from the pen of Mrs. Sangster, and is a part of the editor's introduction to Mrs. Alden's splendid book. The tribute therein paid to the author of "Woman's Ways of Earning Money" is fully well deserved.]

## Introduction

By Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster

**M**RS. CYNTHIA WESTOVER ALDEN, in *Woman's Ways of Earning Money*, draws upon large experience and wide observation. She has successfully wrought in a number of responsible positions, and she has an immense acquaintance with women in a variety of business pursuits. Her gleanings have been made in many fields. Mrs. Alden knows both employers and employed, and keeps the balance fairly even between both. She describes with painstaking regard to detail numerous ways in which women may enter the great world-market and reap rewards for diligent and skilled labor.

A glance at the latest United States Census shows us that American women are practically unconfined in their choice of vocation; that they are debarred, by sex, only from the army and navy and from the ranks of the police. They are, if that documentary evidence be accepted, roofers, deep-sea pilots, and boilermakers, to say nothing of the hundreds of other trades and tasks which they may adopt and perform. Mrs. Alden tells women how they may earn money in womanly ways. She shows them, with an engaging candor and friendliness, that if they would achieve distinction and receive salaries they must not be afraid to work honestly and honorably, in the open, as men do, but she preferably indicates feminine avenues for feminine talents. One is struck by the number of original and novel occupations mentioned.

By MRS. ALDEN

The women whom I would like to reach and help are those who need to work for money, who are willing to work honestly, but who do not know what they can do. Some of them are highly educated, others are not educated at all. Some of them are blessed with good health, others are sadly frail, but to all, the world says "Earn your own living," and to the timorous question "How?" it maintains a dignified but cruel silence.

Men are taught from childhood that they must make their own way. In most cases the problem of what to do, if one occupation is closed to them, is frankly considered at each point in their careers. It is their function to use the wrestling thews that throw the world. Women, on the other hand, are brought up properly and normally to look forward to the normal dependence of their sex on masculine support. If every man had to marry, the theory would work out fairly well, though the widows would still offer a puzzle to sociologists. But every man does not have to marry, and having married may not be able to



support a wife. With a bedridden husband on her hands, many a woman has been compelled to seek some money-earning occupation.

The first proposition I want to present is, that if there is any one thing that you can do better than anyone else, then the world wants you to do it, and a little ingenuity will bring you and the world into harmony.

If you can make the prettiest patchwork quilts, the finest jelly, the most luscious pies, the most delicious cake, the best bread, the daintiest tidies and sofa cushions, for miles around, why, you mustn't be buried; the world wants you and will have you. Perhaps you are on a farm far from any city. Never mind. In the village where you get your supplies there is a general store. It is your open sesame to success. Use it. Year after year, in the country as well as in the city, busy housewives are tending more and more to buy what they can, instead of making it. You can sell your quilts or your bread or your pies or your cake or your tidies and sofa cushions. They are wanted because they are good. If the general storekeeper doesn't consent at first to put them on exhibition for a fair commission, just keep at him. He will yield in time. It will be a profit to him. The only fair bargain is one by which both parties profit. If you never seek to make any other you will be following the best rule for all business.

The problem for the city woman is somewhat easier. She has within her reach many occupations demanding more or less skill for which she is either fitted or can fit herself. But there is no place where the energy of a woman willing to work need be wasted, even on the desert air. She is at a premium, even in the wilderness.

Out of the book of experience come a few "don'ts."

## A Few Don'ts

Don't take the charity-receiving attitude in trying to sell your products or your labor. If what you have to dispose of is honest, you need not be

ashamed of it. If it isn't then you ought to be too much ashamed of it to make the effort.

Don't assume that you should be treated differently because you are a woman. In the great factory of the economic system, sex ought not to enter at all. When it does come in, it is to the disadvantage of the weaker.

Don't stick to any one thing after you have proved to yourself that it isn't the thing that you can do best in.

Don't make any change till you are satisfied that the thing you are doing is not the best.

Don't fail to improve yourself continually. The broader your education the more pleasure you will get out of life, and there are few acquisitions that may not be of service to you at some time, whether they are now or not.

Don't try to dress above the work you are doing. You can always look neat. It is not wise to look eccentric.

Don't neglect your health by irregular eating, by late hours, by needless exposure. Health is everything, if you have your own living to earn.

## How to Find Paying Work

Suppose you suddenly learn that you must earn your own living. The first thing to do is to screw your courage to the sticking point and face the practical situation. Your case admits of no wide choice. You must take the first opening, even though it only secures for you your board, but while in it fit yourself for something better.

The something "better" is generally secured by serving an apprenticeship. But in what? Well, there is nothing to be done but to knock at doors. Surely somebody knows somebody who wants something done. If it is something you can do, do it. But if it is something you can't do, but would like to do, then spend all your spare minutes learning how to do it. When you feel yourself capable, apply, keep on applying for the work until you get it. A good worker always wins; only the half-way proficient find no place to "fit in."

Don't be afraid to say you want work. Tell the fact to all your friends; tell them everything you know you can do, and everything you hope to do, or think you might do. Ask your friends to keep you in mind, and give you every suggestion they can, for making a living.

I have a letter on my desk now—a piteous, pleading one, begging me to help the writer, who finds herself stranded. She is in San Francisco, and she writes to me in New York. The thought occurs to me: "Why, it will be two weeks before an answer to this can reach her. She may be dead. Why did she not appeal to her next-door neighbor?" Then I notice the postscript, that says: "Please don't let anybody here know of my condition. My pride would never stand such humiliation."

A woman like this will always have a hard time—once she begins to be unlucky it grows on her so. She would rather have me, almost a stranger, pay her rent and buy her food than that her neighbors should know she had no money. She would rather take charity of me than give her friends an opportunity of trying to put her in the way of making herself independent.

If you must make a living, don't shrink from the task. Start out with the thought that it is not so much what you would like to do, as what you can find to do, that counts.

## Work at Home

The question of "home work" bristles with difficulties. In the first place, if it is factory work that you take home, your wages compare badly with what the factory operative receives. It

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# THE ECLIPSE OF THE THORNTONS

By RUTH HAYS

## PART I.

**W**HAT'S the matter, Nan? Lost your last friend?"

Nan dropped into the nearest chair with a sigh. "You won't feel so very cheerful yourself when I tell you, Bob, father's got to go to Colorado for at least a year——"

"Whe-ew!" Bob stood aghast. "Who says so?"

"Dr. Boardman—and that isn't all. Mother's going with him."

Bob's face was as long as Nan's now. "Mother, too! Did she say so?"

Nan nodded. "She's just told me;" and then there was a few minutes' silence.

"But what—why—father isn't any worse, is he? Dr. Boardman doesn't think——" Bob stopped suddenly. He couldn't put it into words, this cold fear that had seized his heart.

"No, no!" cried Nan hastily. "Of course not. He isn't worse, I'm sure; only Dr. Boardman thinks he will get well sooner out there, and mother will have to go to take care of him till he does. Don't look so, Bob! Mother's quite sure he'll get better—she said she was."

Bob drew a long breath. All their little world was falling in ruins about them, and for a moment neither could speak. But presently Nan moved restlessly. "We must find Madge and Charley. Mother told me to tell them, too," she said rising, but Bob interposed hastily, "I'll find them." It was a relief to get out of sight of every one for just a moment. He came back presently with the younger girl and boy, and the bad news was told. "We've got to move at once," added Nan bluntly. "Don't cry, Madge. You'll only make it harder for father and mother."

"You're crying, yourself!" Madge brushed away her tears indignantly. "Isn't she, Charley? You know you are, Nan!"

"No I'm not—at least I'm not going to. I promised mother we wouldn't."

"Well, I didn't." Madge was rebellious. "And I've just got to cry; I can't help it."

But here Charley broke in. "Hush up, Madge, and let us hear the rest. Cut along, Nan, and tell us where we're going." But when Nan said "Harrison street," there was a chorus of dismay. Even Bob whistled, and Charley muttered "Beastly place!" while Madge fairly wailed.

"Nobody will ever come to see us in that hole," she began, but Nan interrupted shortly: "Let them stay away, then!" She wanted it all told and over with, and added what even she felt to be the last straw, "Miss Prince is coming to board with us."

They all knew Miss Prince, by sight at least, the elderly principal of the Harrison street grammar school, and Nan was quite prepared for Charley's groan.

"Oh, Nan! that prim old thing! We can't stand her anyhow. Can't you get mother to cut her out? She'll make us walk chalk, I'll bet!"

"We shan't need any making," returned Nan, and Bob added gravely, "I should hope none of us would be mean enough to make trouble that way."

"Of course, there must be some older person in the house," he went on presently. "We're all too young ('and Nan's too pretty,' he whispered, smiling at her) not to have a chaperon, and Miss Prince's board will help along, too. Father won't be getting any salary for a long time, you know, youngsters. We'll all have to help."

The two children looked very grave and neither



THE HOME LEFT BEHIND

spoke, Then Nan went on. "We're to take Mary, of course, but not Jane. The house is so small mother thinks we can get along without her. Peter isn't going, either."

"Not even Peter?" Charley looked thunder-struck. "Why, who is going to take care of the grounds, and the horses, and tend the furnace, and shovel paths, and all that, next winter? Bob got to?"

"The dickens I have!" whistled Bob. "I don't know a thing about the furnace——"

"But you can learn." Nan smiled at him wistfully. "We shall all have to learn so many things." And Bob was game.

"All right, I'll stoke. What else, Nan? There won't be any horses, of course?"

Nan shook her head, but here Madge broke in: "Your tea, Nan—your coming-out tea! Ain't you going to have any, after all? You can't down there, with mother away. Oh, it's horrid! perfectly horrid, so it is!"

The protests and laments had it all to themselves for a few minutes, till Nan said cheerily: "I shall just come out in a new direction, Madge. I'm to be housekeeper, and you'll see what I can do. I mean to be a great success, I can tell you!"

"So you will, Nan; reg'lar ripper!" Charley patted her on the back by way of encouragement. "When are we going to move? Next week? I say, Madge, let's go and pack up——"

"Yes, and find Jacky, please, Madge. Jane will be so busy and mother wants me to go down to the new house with her and plan a little. Could you and Charley look out for him awhile? Let him pack up his toys, too."

"All right! We'll look after him. But Nan—Nan! Jacky really ought to go to dancing school this winter, can't he; don't you think? He 'toes in' so. Why, he jumped on his own feet coming downstairs this morning and made himself cry. He did, truly."

"Well, how did he manage that, I wonder?" laughed Bob, "jumping on his own feet, hey Madge?"

"Easy enough," said Madge, tartly; "one foot jumped on the other, of course. He's always doing it."

"Well, then, suppose you turn dancingmaster and try your hand on him, Madge! Come, I'll help you out. You give him a regular lesson every day till he 'toes out' to suit you, and I'll give him that little fishing rod of mine when he does it. And I'll give you—let's see—what shall I give you?"

"That stick pin of yours with the dog's head," returned Madge promptly, "Well, I'll try, but I don't believe he'll do it. Come along, Charley."

As the two younger ones went out, Bob's face grew very grave.

"No more dreams, Bob," Nan smiled as cheerfully as she could. "Mother says she trusts us to be the two 'pillars of the house,' and we'll try. The responsibility is upon our shoulders and it is up to us to make good."

Bob nodded. "I wonder if I couldn't get a place at Brown & Sharpe's?" he said thoughtfully. "I like machinery, and perhaps in time I could get to be a superintendent, as father is."

"And give up college? Father wouldn't hear to it for an instant, Bob! Don't ever mention such a thing. They've got it all planned out—mother said you must get your education first to fit you for work by and by. You mustn't be handicapped in the beginning."

"I could enter another year, you know, if father gets well. Other fellows work their own way through; so I could. You're giving up all your plans——"

"Oh, but that's entirely different," interrupted Nan. "It's only parties and things for me; it's so fortunate I was graduated last spring. Mother said it would have made it a great deal harder if I hadn't finished school, and I'm so glad I am free. She said she'd have to trust a great deal to us two, but she relied on our being equal to it. It was a comfort that Miss Prince would be there, and if we get into any difficulty we're to consult Dr. Boardman. You can sit a little while with father, can't you, Bob, till mother and I get back? We'll not be long, but there are some things she must show me."

"It's not half bad," she reported when the visit had been made. "Quite a pretty little house, only so small, of course. There'll be as much room as we want to take care of, though," with a half sigh. "No grounds at all, Bob. The house sits right on the street and there's only a path through for the side yard; and a little bit of place at the back big enough for Jacky to play in, perhaps, but I don't know about the others." The half sigh became a whole one as she looked out on the trim, well-kept lawns and garden about their own home.

"Well, it's September; winter's coming," consoled Bob. "They'll not mind so much then, and besides they'll be in school most of the time. Tell you what, Nan," he added more cheerfully, "I've thought what I can do. I'm going to apply for a place in evening school, to teach, you know. Lots of the fellows do, and it will help along. And I'll have a try at the Burns scholarship! It would pay my way through college if I could get it, and I'm going to work like a trooper. It's dogged as does it, you know."

The days fairly flew past for the next few weeks, there was so much to do and to plan. Nan often wondered how her mother had found time to think of everything as she had, but it was all arranged. The travelers got off first, before the moving began, their father very white and worn, but their mother very cheerful and hopeful. They all bore up bravely, and if Madge and Charley were missing for an hour or so and reappeared with very red eyes no one commented, and they were in the rush of moving almost immediately, and the excitement and novelty of the new quarters kept them all too busy to think until they were settled and shaken down, as Bob said, into the new home.

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## WHEN HE IS "BLUE"

By JUDSON REX

When he is "blue" a shadow steals  
 Athwart the day, the sunlight feels  
 A bit less cheerful, and the pain  
 Within my heart revives again—  
 When he is "blue."

A loyal heart, as true a friend  
 As ever Fate to me could lend;  
 His mild reproof, his gentle praise  
 Has cheered and guided me through days—  
 When I was "blue."

As brothers we, with hopes and fears  
 That glint between the smiles and tears  
 That strew the paths o'er which we've strayed  
 These many months, and worked and played—  
 When both were "blue."

When he is "blue" I fain would say  
 Something to chase his gloom away,  
 The while I know the pain he feels  
 Too often o'er my comfort steals—  
 And makes me "blue."

And so I know could I but stand  
 Today and hold him by the hand,  
 That touch would cheer us both far more  
 Than all the wealth of wisdom's lore—  
 Since we are "blue."

Take heart, O brother mine, although  
 These words fall weak as melting snow,  
 My inmost heart goes out to where  
 You sit slow battling with despair—  
 Uncertain—"blue."

I can but feel that there will dawn  
 A day, when, looking back upon  
 These years, we each, close sitting by,  
 Shall smile through tears and wonder why—  
 We were so "blue."

## Woman as a Professional Gardener

By GRACE ADELE PIERCE

A highly respectable occupation for women has developed from the ever-changing economic conditions of the day. The idea is not confined to America; indeed, it did not originate with us, since England, still conservative in regard to woman's field of action, first sanctioned the occupation. It is that of professional gardening. The first woman to put a stamp upon, to really label this profession as distinctly in woman's realm, was a graduate from a three years' course in the London botanical gardens—a thoroughly trained horticulturist. Her success has opened a new and desirable field for woman's consideration. It is not, however, for the highly trained and extensive operator that this article is written. There are many women in suburban districts, in country towns, or even in smaller cities, who, with a little special study in horticulture, might make a comfortable livelihood in this profession. In fact, in several parts of our country women are already demonstrating the practicability of the idea. The first woman on our list is fairly educated with a good artistic sense of proportions. She lives in a suburban town, and when she determined to take up this entirely new occupation she went to an old gardener in charge of an extensive country place. He smiled at her request for instruction and shook his head. "A garden's no place for a lassie," he said; "go back to the pots an' kettles an' tha bakin' o' tha cakes." But the young woman had been about the place only a short time when the Scotchman discovered that she was in earnest. She was an apt pupil and very soon she could trim and prune and graft with a delicacy and precision that surprised him. She had been in the garden nearly a year when the old man was taken seriously ill. "Let the lassie do it," he begged his employer; "she will na' spoil the job; she knows how it a' should be doon." For months she held the place and gave satisfaction, and when the old gardener came back he was ready to recommend without reservation. "The lassie's got more sense than most," he said. She then set up an establishment as a consulting gardener and now has three workers—one man and two young women—in her employ.

Another woman, who is acting as consulting gardener in a California city, began with a small seed exchange. As the business increased she included potted plants, then shrubs and small trees, until she was able to open an office. She had the artistic sense strongly developed, and, at the request of her patrons, she commenced the laying out of beds and small flower plots. She is now a consulting gardener with a rapidly enlarging business prospect.

Several women in different parts of the country are starting what may prove to be a lucrative business career by going out to work in gardens by

the day. Why not? Women who take up this employment successfully are quite sure to be refined in taste and of artistic temperament. They are well received in the families of their employers, and, on the large country estates, some have already been accepted as members of the household. The ordinary man, who acts as under-gardener, is quite likely to be unskilled and indolent, working only for his daily bread. The woman who enters the profession does so because she has an aptitude for it, and she does her work intelligently and well because she has a love for it. One employer said not long ago: "I shall never doubt the ability of a woman to do good and artistic gardening. It was with fear and trembling that I gave Miss B—the place—she was an old friend of the family and I could not refuse—but now I would not part with her for any workman I have ever employed. She understands the color scheme exactly and I have no more hideous combinations."

## BENEATH THE STARS

By Viola E. Smith

All day the pressing cares of busy life,  
 Its petty ills, perplexities and strife  
 Have claimed me; but as now at night I stand,  
 And note the shadows deepen o'er the land,  
 Earth's weary noise and turmoil seem to cease;  
 All things are touched with dews of heavenly peace,  
 Beneath the quiet stars.

Gate after gate of glory swings aside,  
 Revealing starry vistas open wide;  
 The heavens seem by feet of angels trod,  
 And all the universe instinct with God.  
 Ah, who would think that one could cherish aught  
 Impure or base, either of deed or thought,  
 Beneath those holy stars?

O awe-inspiring, deep, majestic night!  
 The things of time and sense fade from my sight;  
 Mysterious voices float with far-off sound,  
 Infinity seems opening all around;  
 And face to face with the Eternal One,  
 My soul in reverence says, "Thy will be done,"  
 Beneath the solemn stars.



She has an eye for proportion, and my garden corresponds with my house and outbuildings as it never did under the charge of my most expensive gardener."

This particular gardener offers a very pleasing picture as she passes in her capacity in and about the grounds. She wears always a simple shirt waist and skirt combination of dark green that accords with any environment, and she is so quietly well informed and ladylike that the profession is never intruded upon the visitor. A few hints kindly given from the experience of women already in the field may prove helpful to the beginner. If possible have a small office; it looks more business-like and you will be found with much less trouble. Select a part of the country where new homes are most likely to be erected. Wear a professional and extremely neat business suit of color and quality that will not show earth soil. Wear gauntlet gloves of good quality and style, as your hands must have protection and at the same time the pleasing effect of cleanliness. Much exposure ruins the skin and the nails. Wear high, well-laced, waterproof boots. A large soft-brimmed hat or sunbonnet should be worn in work hours, but this should be laid aside out of the garden and a simple street hat donned. Do not affect carelessness as going with the garden, for it is no part of the profession. If possible be able to lay out a garden on paper as practically as an architect would design a house. This will help you greatly in the advancement of your work. Have a good fundamental knowledge of floriculture—know your own district perfectly and keep always alert for new ideas. If you can furnish your own plants it will add greatly to your income and will prove a convenience to your patrons. Study color as an artist would do, always with the thought of perfect combination in your mind. Learn all the practical points of your profession, and practice will make perfect in this as in every other line of work. Learn to prune, to graft, and to trim neatly. Make a special study of hedge rows and of the artistic bedding of seasonable flowers and plants. Be able to talk shop with your customers and do not be opinionated. There will probably be a chance for improvement in your methods for many years to come. One point of vantage to the wage-earner in this profession is that the woman of middle age is as much, perhaps even more, in demand than her younger sister. Of the half dozen women who furnish items of experience for this article three are past middle age and one has reached her thirtieth year; only two are young women. There is health in out-of-door life and a vigor unknown to office or shop. Taken as a whole, gardening promises to be one of the most all-around profitable professions in this new era of woman's work.



# THE MINISTRY OF FLOWERS AND PLANTS



By EBEN E. REXFORD

RECEIVE a great many inquiries from persons who would like to make money out of flower growing. They have read the absurd and misleading articles published in various papers and magazines about fortunes made in violet growing and along other lines of floriculture, and it seems to them one of the easiest things in the world to do what it is claimed others have done. But when they make up their minds to attempt to repeat the so-called experiences of others they find that really they don't know the first thing to do, by way of beginning, and they apply for information. Now, the fact that they are willing to undertake a business about which, by their own acknowledgement, they know nothing, goes to prove that they would make a failure of it if they were to start out in it. To make a business of any kind successful it is absolutely necessary to know a great deal about it. No level-headed person would ever undertake to do such a thing without first becoming familiar with all phases of it, and the fact that some persons are willing to embark in a business they understand nothing of shows that they are utterly lacking in the level-headedness essential to success. Therefore, when a person writes, "I have been a teacher. I have worn myself out in the schoolroom. I would like to earn a living by growing flowers. I am told it is an easy and profitable business. Please tell me how to get started in it and all about what to do. I have saved up a few hundred dollars that I can invest"—when I get such a letter, and the above is a verbatim copy of one received only last week—there is only one thing an honest man can do in the case, and that is to advise against the undertaking. Such a letter in itself is all the argument needed to convince one that its writer has no business ability. Those who have genuine business instincts do not need to be told that in order to grow flowers profitably they must understand the business of flower growing, and this comes from actual, personal experience, and in no other way.

But there are ways in which many women and children for that matter, can earn quite a little money in growing plants and vegetables. I have in mind a woman who has a collection of fine geraniums. Her friends used to besiege her for "slips." One day the idea occurred to her, "Why not make cuttings from my plants and sell them? My friends buy plants of the florist—why shouldn't they buy of me?"

She set to work at once and put all the cuttings she could obtain from her plants into sand, and when the next applicant for "slips" came along she announced that she had gone into plant-growing on a small scale, "as a source of revenue," and that all her cuttings would be used in the production of "plants for sale." I presume that some of her acquaintances criticized her for stinginess, and thought it "small" of her to think of selling what she had heretofore given away, but persons began to buy, and it was not long before her last young plant was sold. She has kept

on with the business ever since, and though she hasn't made a fortune out of it, she has made something, and that something has helped her to obtain many things she would most likely have been obliged to go without if she had had no plants to sell.

I know another woman who grows a good many annuals, like asters, petunias, phlox and pansies—plants that do not require a great deal of attention, but which can be safely transferred. She disposes of hundreds of seedlings of these to women friends who do not care to grow their own plants from seed. In fact, so large is her patronage in her home neighborhood each season that she has been enlarging her garden each year of late. She will not get rich in the business, but it brings her in a little pin-money, and "every little helps," you know.

I know of women who grow vegetables for sale and find it profitable. Their friends who have no gardens, or who do not care to cultivate them, are glad to come to them for a fresher and in every way better article than they can generally find on sale in the markets of the ordinary country village. These women earn considerably in this way. In fact they find ready sale for everything they have to dispose of.

I also know of several children who are making quite a little each year by raising tomato plants, which they sell to persons who don't care to bother with seed-sowing. Last year some of these children enlarged their business by adding pansies to their stock in trade, and one of them told me yesterday, when I asked him about it, that he had no difficulty in getting rid of all his plants last spring. "I could have sold a good many more if I'd had them," he said. "Folks'll buy 'em that wouldn't think of trying to grow them for themselves, if you offerend 'em to 'em." That exactly explains the situation. Go to persons with your plants and nine times out of ten you'll sell them some, provided they are good ones, if they haven't any of their own. This is not a reckless assertion, for it is a fact that most people who have homes want at least a few plants growing in their yards each season. They may not have

any there if they cannot have them without sending to a florist for them, but if they are brought to them, and offered at a reasonable price, they will invest.

I have said enough, I think, to set persons who would be glad to earn a little pin-money to thinking out the possibilities of doing so by plant growing and vegetable raising on a small scale in their own gardens. Here is a chance for the children to learn as well as earn. Who knows but the boy who begins by growing a few plants for sale may not develop into a professional gardener? If he does not he will have learned a good deal about many things, and this knowledge will help him in whatever business he may undertake later on. There are certain elemental principles common to all kinds of business, whether carried on on a large or small scale, and these can be learned in the garden as well as in the store or office.

I hope what I have said will help my readers to think out this pin-money matter for themselves and that some of them will attempt to profit by the hints I have sought to embody in the article.

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## QUESTION AND ANSWER

**Black Spots on Roses**—Mrs. B. S. Get Bordeaux mixture, either in paste or dry form, prepare as directed and spray your plants with it. Better pick off all the affected leaves and burn them.

**Removing Bulbs**—"I have tulips, hyacinths, crocus, scillas and narcissus that I would like to move to another location. If I take them up now can I store them in the cellar until September and then plant them?"

(Mrs. E. B. S.)

Yes. These bulbs will have completed their early annual growth and will now be dormant. Put them away in a dry, cool place and keep them from the light.

**Peonies and Roses**—"I would like to set out peonies and roses this fall. When shall I do it?"

(Mrs. S.)

Peonies can be planted to the best advantage in October. Roses I would plant in spring. They cannot be safely taken up until they have fully completed the work of the season and ripened all their wood, and cold weather comes on so soon after that the plants will not have had sufficient time to establish themselves in their new quarters before winter sets in. For this reason I advise spring planting.

**Sea Onion**—"Three months ago I shifted my onions to a larger jar. This jar the plant has completely filled with roots, but it has only the two leaves it had when shifted. Why doesn't the top grow?"

(B. U. H.)

Very likely the plant will make top growth when it completes its period of root growth. If it is healthy let it take its time for development. One cannot hurry these matters. A strong and healthy plant will grow, sooner or later.



CHILDREN AT WORK IN THE GARDEN



# WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

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Agricultural School at Pernith, England



Queen Marie Antoinette's Dairy (Photo taken by Mrs. Howie)

**I**T is no modern innovation that has given women an active and prominent place in the pleasant and lucrative occupation of farming, for if we are to rely on a carefully compiled history according to Professor Mason, of the Smithsonian Institute, women were the first to engage in this fruitful calling, and any biblical student who has thoroughly investigated the subject will recall a regrettable incident of an early day that unquestionably credits woman's influence with the hasty abandonment of Adam's earliest horticultural operations. In short, the ancient and latter day history of both the old and the new worlds is so replete with pleasing examples of the powerful sway of woman in this field of labor that it would be difficult to find a single age or country where land or cattle have not been benefited by her subtle wisdom and tireless efforts. Hence it will be needless to turn back in the annals of agriculture to the days of Ruth with her garnered sheaves and wifely devotion to substantiate a claim for her salutary influence on every branch of this inspiring and intricate business. And while little credit has been accorded to the women, who have been instrumental in developing the dairy herds of the old world, the assuring stamp of her successful efforts is plainly manifest in each breed that has ever attained a prominent standard of excellence.

## Some Royal Examples

The charms of the dairy maid have been for centuries an inspiring theme for both poet and painter, and the beneficial results of woman's tenderness and love have worked so potent a spell upon the characteristics of foreign cattle, that shrewd American buyers are eager to exchange their clanking dollars for bovines possessing the perfection of outline and quality that has been faithfully transmitted for hundreds of years in a blessed atmosphere of love and gentleness.

Yes, women have ever been conspicuously present during the plodding march of agricultural improvement, and if we choose to turn so far back in the world's record as to the seventeenth century, we will find one of the most pitiable examples of womanly longing for a simple life, in the grewsome story of Marie Antoinette, who found relief from the political intrigues and formal state restrictions among the dainty appointments of a tiny dairy that had been erected in the palace grounds. History does not name the breed of cattle that supplied the Delf jars with their precious offering, but it requires no great flight of a practical imagination to assume that the little islands of Jersey, Guernsey and Alderney, in the English Channel, near the coast of France, were drawn upon for a type of kine so pleasing as to find favor in the royal stables. And one can fancy

a queen's delight when she walked among her cattle. A stony-hearted recorder of facts reveals that the lower ranks of her subjects scorned the unfathomable nature of a royal lineage that would revert, even for recreation, to so humble an occupation; still others of broader conception felt a thrill of genuine admiration and pity for one, who, dwelling among many that outwardly gave her homage, should turn to her barn and dairy to satisfy a longing for a quiet, simple life and sincere affection. And while the humiliating sorrows and tragic death of the unhappy queen are now no more than faint echoes in a turbulent passage in French history, the picturesque little dairy with its stone walls, thatched roof and selfsame shelving of glass, still stands in the palace grounds of little Trianon, a pathetic monument to the sweeter nature and nobler impulses of a victim of vicious persecution.

And yet a later period in our civilization reveals the fact that women are still taking an active part in tilling the soil and propagating the stock. Not alone the sturdy peasant of a foreign birth, whose skillful labor wrenches from the miserly earth a more abundant crop and whose gentle and sympathetic methods have exerted so beneficial an influence in the development of flocks and herds, but women of wealth and rank, with refinement and culture, have personally added material of value to a world's agricultural achievements.

England's dearly beloved and revered Victoria—The Good—took pride and pleasure in well tilled fields and living creatures that added beauty and value to the royal farms, and the women of America who seek so closely to imitate foreign customs, need feel no hesitancy or belittlement of station in giving personal supervision for the certain betterment of both land and stock.

Another noteworthy example of regal affection for this calling, brings us to the present time, and that is that of the Queen of Holland, who recently added thirty cows to the royal stables, we are informed, for the purpose of taking commercial advantage of her agricultural pursuits, but one may read between the lines and attribute a more subtle motive in a natural craving for a simple, wholesome occupation that might serve, in a measure, to stifle the grievous disappointment of a blasted ambition for an ideal home life, where the sweeter ties of wife and motherhood would mitigate the more irksome obligations of even an idolized sovereign.

Women of our own land and in the present day have, for various reasons, turned confidently to the allurements of this noble pursuit. Among them may be noted women whose education and refinement would give them ready entrance to any social circle. That a sincere love of nature and creditable achievement has prompted the selection

of this wholesome and fascinating occupation, cannot be questioned when one observes the absorbing interest taken in the work.

Any woman with inherent ability to intelligently act, and who possesses a real love for nature, will find ample encouragement and assistance to enter this profession. Our agricultural colleges fling wide their doors to admit women as well as men, and to the inquiring mind and industrious spirit there is ready opportunity to become familiar with every phase and contingency of the business, so that with a preparation of this kind, a woman may buckle on her armor and set out with a certain confidence of winning an enviable position, and with this equipment of knowledge, a definite purpose, and the courage to toil unceasingly, the American woman may ably compete in all branches of this work with her sisters of any district and province of the old world.

## The Voiceless Who Have Known the Cross Without the Crown of Glory

Yes, there have been many gratifying examples of woman's efficiency and perseverance to mark every stage in the annals of this great work; women, who single-handed and alone, have successfully battled with every problem of the art. In many cases they have received their full mead of praise and honor, for a restless public, ever striving for the unique, have singled them out as objects deserving of special commendation, and the ever ready press has generously taken up the hue and cry and as eagerly held them aloft to a world-wide admiration as models of wisdom and courage.

And yet, throughout our land there are hundreds upon hundreds of farm-born women whose greater deeds have passed unnoted, whose persistent efforts, devotion, and success have entitled them to an equal tribute of praise. The farm-wife, who, perhaps, has been shielded from care, or relegated to a place of thankless toil and subjection; who, when an all-wise Providence has suddenly bereft or released her from the object of her love or fear, often finds it necessary to cope with the bread winning problem, and does this most bravely. After the first gush of her widowhood tears, she becomes conscious of the dormant energies she must put forth in order to surmount the appalling obstacles that rise before her. Then the sight of her fatherless little ones becomes a potent inspiration and spur to truly heroic effort. She stolidly dons the sombre emblem of her bereavement and bravely steps into the clouded or brightened pathway of the future.

Her first thought and act seeks to perpetuate the memory of her dead with fitting monument, for what farm woman ever permitted the grave of her mate to go unmarked? Then, uncomplaining-

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# THE FEUDIST'S REVENGE

By MRS. JULIA M. KLINCK

## Part II.

**SYNOPSIS.**—An aged man, sitting in the doorway of his Kentucky mountain home watching his young son playing with a greyhound in the yard, is shot from the thicket nearby and is fatally wounded. The lad fondly seeks to withhold the old man from death, but in vain.

The father knows the slayer, Lem Elarth, and lives long enough to pledge his boy to be revenged. A little girl of the neighborhood is a witness to the tragedy, listens to the conversation between parent and child, and tries to dissuade her playmate from keeping his awful oath. The lad soon leaves the vicinity of the tragedy and is bound out to a farmer and stockraiser. During several years he practices with firearms and becomes a crack shot for the purpose of avenging his father's death. Occasionally letters pass between him and his childhood friend, she pleading with him to relent, forgive, and forget. But the boy remains determined to have a bloody revenge.

**H**IS closes our regular county spelling contest," announced the teacher, "leaving Miss Cisely Dean winner of the first county prize and accredited delegate to the state spelling contest, which will be held at Bridgeport, April 12. It is to be hoped that Miss Cisely will go and bring back the state prize to the county and district which she has today so highly honored. The good wishes of all, I am sure, will attend her. Will Miss Cisely step forward and receive the prize which she has so richly earned?"

With a happy, glowing face Cissy stepped forward and received with a bow and smile the richly bound volume which the teacher placed in her hand. "This book," said he, "is entitled 'American Heroines.' It is a worthy record of worthy work; but allow me to say that no worthier work is ever done by anyone than that which is comprised in doing one's best everywhere and all the time. Our young friend has done very well, indeed, and I am sure that the contestants, though distanced, will unite with me in congratulations upon her success."

Somebody took the cue and started a round of applause which shook the rafters. As soon as quiet was restored the teacher announced: "Our time is not up. We will have an intermission of five minutes for social converse, and if in that time we shall have arranged an impromptu contest, entirely unofficial, of course, we will devote the next hour to it for the entertainment and the good of all."

Amid the hum of voices that followed Cissy looked shyly at Jamie and Jamie at her. Then, as Jamie drew near, Cissy broke the ice by saying: "Come and see my new book." And while he was turning the leaves she asked many questions about his new home and school, and at last she asked the old question, "Are you going to do that?"

"Do what?"

"You know; what your father said."

"Of course I am. Didn't I swear to? Here's your book, Cis; it's pretty. I'm going now."

Before Jamie could escape the master had captured him, and almost before he knew what he was about he found himself opposite Cissy, entered for the impromptu spelling match.

Cissy was alert and ready for the fray, but Jamie heaved a great sigh as he took his place, inwardly quaking at what he felt was sure defeat, but relying upon the fact that he had so lately spelled correctly every word in the speller, as pronounced by the faithful Bobby Bond, to save him from quick and certain rout.

They had spelled some two hundred test words correctly, when the word "granary" was given to Cissy. To Jamie's astonishment, she hesitated, stammered, and finally missed it. The word was a familiar one to her, as Jamie knew, but perhaps Cissy was tired, for, flushing and confused, she had spelled it with two "ns." Quietly Jamie spelled it correctly, and, after another round of applause, was presented with two silver dollars, which sum had been made up for the victor during the intermission, but a look into Cissy's happy eyes told Jamie, and the teacher as well, that she had given Jamie the benefit of a very small doubt.

Jamie rewarded Cissy for her kindness in shy boyish fashion--by surreptitiously filling the pockets of her gray jacket with peppermint. This same gray jacket, too, he kept in sight as it hied down street until it whisked around a corner. Then he turned old "Nance" very reluctantly down the river road toward home. Jogging along a bright idea struck him. Why should he be anybody's bound boy? There was humiliation in the thought. More in the thought than in the actual fact in Jamie's case, to be sure, but he chafed at the bond nevertheless. His father had possessed property which he knew was to be his own when he was 21. Why not have the benefit of some of it now? He pondered a moment, then started old "Nance" on a sharp trot back to town. It was a very much puzzled guardian to whom, ten minutes later, he submitted his problem.

"If you had your money and your time, boy, what would you do with them?"

"I should go to school and get an education."

"Why?"

Quickly the mottoes written in colored chalks upon the schoolhouse wall came to mind. He had read them a thousand times, but today for the first time he realized their import. They served him well at this juncture, for he answered quickly:

"Because an educated man is the happiest man."

"Because an educated man is the most successful man."

"Because an educated man is the most useful man."

"Because an educated man is the most respected man."

Guardian Wells looked over his spectacles at the boy and murmured: "Maybe he might; maybe he might; his mother's kith and kin were educated people, an' what's in the blood is bound to come out in the flesh." After a thoughtful pause he raised his head to say, kindly: "I'll see about it, my boy; I'll see about it."

A few weeks later Jamie's time was bought of Abraham Bond, though he could still stay and "chore" for his board and clothes. Very much of a man he felt himself now, as he marched off to school, where he might have gone for six months of the year, for the three years preceding, if he had only cared enough for this privilege, to have improved the opportunity. Henceforth things were to be different with him.

Jamie now had an object in life and he set himself to press diligently toward it. Studying in the winter to develop his intellect and strengthen his best faculties, working in summer to build up a strong constitution and harden his muscles, Jamie lived a happy life on the Bond farm, the same bidable lad he had been when, as "bound boy," he had been at the beck and call of everybody.

Only one cloud was left to darken his sky, and that had slipped almost below the horizon. So three profitable years went by and at eighteen Jamie entered Frankfort Academy, the least of its attrac-

tions not being the fact that here he should have Cissy for a school mate once more. How tall she had grown and how beautiful! But what made her so shy? And, indeed, why could he not approach her in the old-time way? Their contests now, though on larger lines, were not so close as in the old days. Now Cissy led in all their studies, and Jamie was obliged to burn the midnight oil and forfeit all his holidays to make up for those three wasted years. He had at last fallen into his old habit of carrying Cissy's books home from school, which led to many delightful walks and talks; and little did Cissy know what aspirations she awoke in the heart of the stalwart youth who carried himself so proudly beside her.

One day their chat turned upon a stranger who had entered the academy. "He is a handsome fellow," Jamie was saying, "and well up in his studies, but, smart and handsome as he is, I cannot endure him. All the troubles that I ever had seem to surge over anew whenever I see him. What is his name, anyhow?" "His name," said Cissy; "Why, don't you know him, Jamie? You ought to; he is Lem Elarth, Jr."

Jamie's teeth clenched together, audibly, and his brow darkened. "His father, the man you knew, is dead," Cissy went on, "and so, I suppose, the old trouble, that absurd old feud, is wiped out, isn't it?" Jamie said not a word for the remainder of the walk and the cloud had not lifted from his brow when he handed Cissy her books at the gate, and he even forgot, in his abstraction, to reply as usual to Cissy's gay goodnight.

The next afternoon Jamie was detained a moment after the close of school, but, as Cissy gathered up her belongings, he gave her a glance which meant as much that night, as it had meant on several occasions before, to please wait a moment. All other times Cissy had waited on slight pretext, or none at all, but this time, seized by some girlish caprice, she passed on, and Jamie a few moments later spied her far down the street, tripping lightly along with Lem Elarth by her side.

The next day Jamie purposely delayed a little, and as before, Lem very promptly took his place beside Cissy in the gray mist that was falling, carrying an umbrella over her with an easy protecting grace, for which Jamie longed to throttle him. As they left the room together Cissy had glanced back at Jamie with a shy, sweet smile, to which his only response had been a savage scowl; but despite his rudeness, his despair, and the jealousy that devoured him, that little smile lay like a sunbeam in Jamie's darkened heart for many a day.

To make matters worse, in spite of Jamie's best efforts, Lem was leading in all their classes. Three years wasted are not easily made up, as Jamie was finding to his cost. Cissy, too, was leaving him far behind. Her better disciplined mind could grasp much more easily what was all nebulae to poor Jamie. The rivalry was now between herself and Lem. Jamie was out of it. And now it became quite the regular thing for Lem to escort Cissy to singing-school and "literary." Jamie was missing, too, the shy, sweet smiles which pride would no longer allow Cissy to bestow upon him. Decidedly, Jamie was out of it.

The spirit of revenge so long crowded down now awoke to new life within him, destroying his finer feelings and his innate goodness like a consuming fire. Revenge he must have. The old feud, which had almost died a natural death, flamed up afresh, and Lem took care to see that it should not lack for fresh fuel. Elarth, son of the man who was acquitted on a technicality from the charge of murdering the elder Truman, hated Jamie, even more than Jamie hated him, so everything that he could do, in school or out, to wound and trouble Jamie was done with an unction, and whenever their glances met it was like the clash of two-edged swords.

(Continued in November.)



## THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER

By Benjamin Keech

"Life's a hard struggle for things we don't get,"

A nice, gloomy pessimist said.

"Life is a payment of things that we earn,"

An optimist voiced. "Ere we're dead

We reap as we've sown. And when we object

To the pay that we earn, why, 'tis clear

We've but to retract and so righteously act

That in time we can prove it to be a sound fact

That we get what we struggle for here."



**S**ERGEANT RUCK, of the—the United States infantry, was one of those happy-go-lucky individuals who never knew what the words care or want signified. Most of his life was spent in the service of Uncle Sam, which he entered when a mere slip of a boy of twenty or thereabouts. He had now reached the age of fifty, but still was as hale and hearty as on the day he entered the service.

In manner he was gruff and uncouth, but kindly disposed when the notion struck him. Being a strict disciplinarian, he tolerated no undue familiarity from his subordinates, and in course of time was shunned by the other non-coms and feared by the privates.

There was but one creature upon which the old sergeant showered all the affection of which his soul was capable. That was his dog Tuck.

Tuck was like his master—well on in years and of the most disreputable appearance imaginable. His hide was of a dirty yellowish tint and as rough as that of a cayote. Blind of one eye and minus one ear, which he lost in a scrimmage with a prairie wolf, he was a pitiable object to look at, and perhaps for that reason the idol of his master.

But, according to Ruck's mind, Tuck had some excellent qualities, which coincided very much with his own. He looked with utter contempt upon an individual dressed in civilian clothes, and the sight of an Indian almost drove him mad. If one of the redskins happened to get in his way he would growl, snarl, and bark till he was almost exhausted or ordered by his master to shut up. Then he would slowly retire, lie down at some distance from the object of his aversion, and keep his sound eye upon the intruder, ready at a moment's notice to renew his attack. Where that precious canine hailed from or how he came into the possession of Sergeant Ruck nobody seemed to know, nor did anybody remember how he got his name. Some of Ruck's comrades asserted that, being so much

## Ruck and Tuck

### A TALE OF THE PLAINS

By Eugene Wipfler

#### PART I.

like the old sergeant, the latter had stumbled upon the name because it sounded so much like his own, and Ruck and Tuck could not be beat. When it is said that all the old man's affection was showered upon one-eyed Tuck reference is made to the beginning of their acquaintance, for afterward a buxom Indian squaw claimed some of it for herself, as we shall see later on.

At the opening of our story the regiment was stationed at Fort Leavenworth. Garrison life was anything but pleasing to the boys, and the daily routine of drill, guard, and fatigue duty was irksome and wearing even upon the nerves of old man Ruck, to say nothing of the younger element, who longed for excitement and possible hair-raising adventures and brushes with the red men.

The sergeant, when in the mood, would entertain the boys with stories of fierce fights and narrow escapes he had had on the frontier; the picturesque life of a soldier on the boundless plains was one of the favorite themes. The word picture he drew of the various customs and doings of the redskins, such as the war, beggar, and sun dances, the antics of their medicine men healing the sick and their feasts and mode of life in camp, would have done credit to a professional story-teller of the East. These tales, so satisfactorily told, made the men, if that were possible, more disgusted with their hum-drum life than ever.

Marching orders came at last. The regiment



was ordered to proceed at once by boat and occupy the several forts along the Missouri River—Forts Randall, Pierre, and Rice. Sergeant Ruck's company was assigned to Fort Pierre. It was a hot and sultry day in August, 1866, when they reached their destination. Fort Pierre is or, rather, was (it has long since been abandoned) situated on the left bank of the river and about three hundred yards from it. Officially the ramshackle quarters for the soldiers were known as a fort, but it had as much the appearance of what is generally known as a fortified place as a barn has that of a cathedral. It just happened that on the day the troops arrived a large tribe of the Sioux had pitched their tepees near the post, and the whole population turned out to receive the soldiers, not with enthusiasm, but with stoical indifference. Outside of Sergeant Ruck and his shadow, Tuck, it is safe to say, none of the boys had seen an Indian before. Most of them had been recruited in Eastern cities, and, of course, had never been so far west in their lives. Therefore the sight that met their eyes seemed to them awe-inspiring and weird. Two thousand half-naked savages, painted grotesquely in all the colors of the rainbow and wrapped in blankets equally conspicuous for colors, their heads decked with eagle feathers and their black hair tied with ribbons, formed a picture of which they had read in Cooper's Indian tales but never expected to meet in reality.

"Sergeant," said a young fellow, addressing Ruck, "them here Indians don't look very ferocious, although their hideous make-up might frighten a tenderfoot somewhat."

"Never you mind, boy," replied the old man; "wait till you make their acquaintance in a lonely spot on the prairie, and maybe you will change your opinion."

The soldiers soon reached their quarters and were glad, indeed, to be able to move about more freely than it had been possible on the boat. But

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## WHAT WOMEN CAN DO

By William Henry McKee

To ask and answer the question, "What can not women do?" would be easier than to attempt to enumerate those things which women now can do. To say that in these days, and in this country, women may follow any occupation for which they find themselves physically and mentally fitted would not be far out of the way. Those statistics are probably not exaggerated which claim that today in the United States nearly four millions of women are earning independent incomes. There may be in this fact an element of sadness, suffering, and tragedy, yet it bears a promise of advantage to womankind and of safety to society. Anything which reduces the two extremes of social slavery and social aristocracy and increases the happy mean of independent income-producers is beneficial to society. So it is of the highest benefit to women as a class, and to the society to which they belong, that those who have need to earn an independent livelihood should be able to choose, according to their tastes and capacities, that which best fits and pleases them, from various occupations.

### The Rule of Love

To the American woman the disabilities of sex have been reduced to a minimum, and she is a human being free to go forth and till the garden of the Lord as her strength and ambition impel or permit. Not only is this true, but such a condition has now been long enough in the experience of the people for its results to be seen, in sufficient measure to enable us to form a judgment of its influence upon society and the home. Its effect has been immeasurably uplifting and ennobling. The model homes of this land are the ideal homes of the world, and the reason of this lies largely in the fact that here husband and wife, father and mother,

are intellectual equals, and there has never come into their lives any thought of the subjection, or domination, of either by the other. It is here the law of love rules, for where there is absolute equality there is no other authority than that of love, and love fulfills the law.

### Woman's Wider Sphere

The mother whose faculties have been trained and developed finds such unexpected results in the unconscious imitation of her little children that she is almost led to believe that they have inherited those acquirements and capabilities, which were developed in herself only by earnest study and effort. But they have breathed the atmosphere by which they were surrounded and have unconsciously profited by it to such a degree that, when they come to the age of conscious effort, they start from a much higher plane than that upon which their mother began. Thus it has come about that the breadth of the field of woman's labor has resulted in concentrating all its varied and extended influences upon the home, and that which it was once thought would suffer from woman's wider sphere of activity has been immeasurably benefited.

### Woman's Only Limitation

The limitations which have heretofore restricted the sphere of woman's efforts are now so far removed that virtually what she can do she may do. Then it follows that what women can do depends mainly upon their physical and mental capacity. This is the partial limitation which, as an inexorable law, applies to the whole human race, and in subjection to which men and women are upon an absolute equality. The lesson of this is that if

women would do what they may do, if they would follow any line of labor and excel, they must be physically equal to the burden of effort which such achievements will put upon them. In the last fifty years there have been many women who have accomplished great things. Their names have become household words and the personality of each is familiar to us all. We know that in almost every instance, where they have proved equal to continuous effort, they have been the possessors of an abounding vitality, health, and strength.

### The Measure of Success

So, if now we should enumerate the things which women can do, we can only do so by asking, individually, what can the woman do? It all resolves itself, then, into a question of physical force. This may seem somewhat gross and earthly at first thought, but it is practical. But, indeed, the matter of physical health, strength, and vitality is neither gross nor earthly. It is that which Eve possessed in the beginning as she came direct from the hand of God. It is that which she lost through sin, so it is weakness and disease which is gross and earthly and not strength. Edenic health, where none shall say, I am sick—is the promise of the future life.

Thus it follows that what women can do is limited only by their health and by their physical and mental capacity. What they have done in the last generation is a promise of the greater things which they may do in this generation. In the homes and schools and colleges of today are the Mitchells, and Stowes, and Stantons, and Anthonys, and Willards of tomorrow—already heiresses to the accumulated intellectual and moral wealth of their predecessors.



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On Love, Courtship, Marriage, Home

By Rev. Charles Edward Odell

### Ideal Marriage

The institution of marriage is founded upon the requirements of nature. It is admitted by all civilized and Christian people that the union for life of one man to one woman is a divine ordination. Some philosophers see the principle of matrimony running through all nature, not only in the sexual distinction of all animals, but in the sexual form of all kinds of vegetable life. But the Bible is our authority. Early in the opening pages of the Old Testament we read these words: "And the Lord said, it is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helpmate for him." And in the New Testament we have these words from the lips of Jesus himself, "Have ye not read that He which made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, for this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they twain shall be one flesh; wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What, therefore, God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

Marriage, therefore, is that union of one man to one woman by which there is a fulfillment, not alone of the natural, but also of the Divine Law of God. Ideal marriage demands moral royalty on the part of the husband. Wives are here commanded to submit themselves "unto their own husbands as unto the Lord." The husband is here called the "head of the wife, even as Christ is head of the Church." The idea of supremacy of the husband is manifest all through the teaching of the Word. But what is this supremacy to consist in? It consists of the Divine right to govern, as head of the family. But the rulership should be similar to that rulership which Christ holds over the church. Not the rulership of superior muscular force or intellectual power; such a rule would be despotism and nothing less. The husband is to rule by moral influence. How does Christ rule the church? Not by force, but by love, by royalty of His character, by the sublimity of His thought, by the Divine grandeur of His aims. The church bows lovingly to His authority because of the supremacy of His excellence. Thus the husband is to rule his wife. It is only as the wife sees in her husband true moral grandeur, that she can bow loyally to his scepter and feel a loving reverence in her heart.

There should be a mutual understanding between husband and wife in all of the affairs of their united life. The husband should share with her all the responsibilities of home, of a family, of the demands of society, and the claims of the church. The wife should share with him in the responsibilities of his business or labor in gaining a livelihood. She should know his plans, his burdens, his success, his discouragements, his failures. The wife can advise, give encouragement, and, through her Christian fortitude

and prayers, make strong and noble the hopes, the ideals, the ambitions, and work of her husband. But this can not be unless there is in the husband that which the wife can and does respect, honor, and cherish in deepest and most devout love.

It is said that the glow-worm never shines after it becomes a parent. Some women lose the luster of all delicacy and refinement under the influence of men whom the law compels them to call "husband." The aim of the true husband should be to make the character and life of his wife "without spot or blemish," glorious in its highest and sweetest realizations of vital moral and matronly strength and sweetness.

Behold the picture of a true husband! The marriage in which there is no such husband is no true marriage, it is an impious mimicry. When a woman is, through the marriage ceremony of the church, called upon to obey a man, smaller in intellect, narrower in sympathies, and inferior to herself in moral character, she is also called upon to do violence to her nature—to do that, in fact, which the eternal laws of her womanly nature forbid her in sincerity and truth ever to perform. Who can admire the contemptible? Who can reverence the mean? Who can really love the morally unclean? Who can obey cheerfully an inferior?

The true man appears clean, strong, noble, royal, in the eyes of his wife, or he is not a husband at all, in the true and spiritual meaning of life. The true husband is not a stranger to the spiritual trials and experiences of the heart so closely linked to his. He feels the religious responsibility of parenthood and shares with his wife in the work of rearing those whom God has given them. He shares in the responsibility of their early moral and intellectual training and physical development. He does not throw, entirely upon her, these grave and heaven-appointed duties, nor does he delegate them to the exclusive influence of Sunday school teacher, pastor, or father confessor. He desires for them, as for himself, the best and the highest. He feels, that as head of the family, he is in charge of souls as precious, yea, more precious than his own.

Ideal marriage also implies moral loveliness on the part of the wife. If she is to be loved she must be lovable, for it is impossible for the human heart really to love the unlovely as it is for the mind to believe a mathematical contradiction. There are women, beautiful in person, who are unfortunately repulsive in conduct. The true wife must possess a love-centralizing power of character. There must be that fascination of moral spirit about her that will draw and hold the affection of the husband from all the dearest of other objects and center them in herself. He should discover

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# MODES MOST MODERN

By MAY MANTON



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## The New Waists and Blouses

Each change of seasons for the past few years has brought with it the rumor that the separate blouse was doomed, but each rumor in its turn has proven to be false, and that statement is true of the present as well as of the past seasons. That there are modifications in the wearing of the separate blouse is unquestionably true, that it is somewhat more restricted in its use than was the case a few years ago is a fact, but it is too essentially satisfactory and even necessary a garment to be allowed to fall into disrepute, and so long as the

coat suits exist, it is certain to find a definite place in the wardrobe. Each season has its novelties, however, and just now there is a fad for matching color in the blouses, although those of white and black, in lace and net, unquestionably will be worn. For the handsomer suit net in fatching color is a favorite material, and exceedingly beautiful blouses are to be found of the filet and of the more fancy sorts trimmed more or less elaborately with banding, and with embroidery, and with the little buttons that seem such an inevitable feature of the season.

Long sleeves are prevalent, but are by no means the only ones shown. There are a great many of three-quarter length, and it is worth while to say that not a few of the blouses made of

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6095 Fitted Coat, 34 to 42 bust



# PATTERNS MOST PERFECT

By MAY MANTON



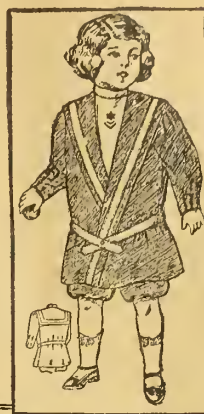
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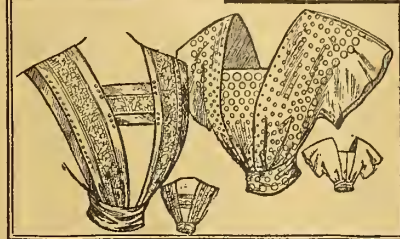
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black or white or of color show chemisettes and under sleeves of white lace, these under sleeves being close fitting while the sleeves of the blouse itself are somewhat looser and terminate at or below the elbows, so that it is quite an easy matter to convert one of last year into a blouse of the latest cut by addition of under sleeves, which are either extended to the wrists or terminate a few inches above, as the wearer finds preferable, both styles being exploited on the smartest costumes to be seen.

## Simplicity the Keynote

In spite of the richness, beauty and even the splendor of many of the gowns that are exploited among these early

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- 6033. Girl's Dress, 6 to 12 years.
- 6022. Russian Blouse Suit, 4 to 10 years.
- 6031. Tucked One-Piece Waist, 34 to 42 bust.

### GROUP B.

- 6058. Boy's Russian Blouse, 6 to 12 years.
- 5599. Knickerbockers and Knee Trousers, 4 to 12 years.
- 6053. Tucked Blouse or Shirt Waist, 32 to 42 bust, to be made with deep or narrow cuffs, with or without the fitted lining.
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- 6038. Misses' Tucked Blouse, 14 and 16 years, to be made with elbow or long sleeves.
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# Woman The Superior Human

"SEVEN TALENTS OF WOMEN"

By J. B. Coursen

The "Seven Talents of Woman" was the subject of an interesting lecture delivered by Dr. Wallace Wood in the department of the history of art of the New York University. The lecture covered a wide field, and made many interesting comparisons and contrasts between man and woman. After perusing the published report of his lecture, most men would be prone to sadly regret that they had not been born women—so engaging a word picture does the doctor produce of "man's better self," the "eternal womanly."

According to Dr. Wood, the "seven talents of woman" are:

"Domestic: House and home are hers, and of these she is the true builder and maker. Here she nourishes, rears, and educates the race.

"Social: She is the law-giver, and this is her law, 'Not to displease and to please.' The drawing-room is her hall of legislation and her palais de justice.

"Aesthetic: Of taste, style and fashion in costume and custom, in furniture, language, and manners, she is the arbiter.

"Musical: She is the 'damsel with the dulcimer'; she is the spirit of the muse, she is music itself.

"Rhetorical and Dramatic: She is more impassioned, more pathetic, in her appeal than man. The art of pleading is pre-eminently hers.

"Educational: Woman is the true pedagogue, the leader of the child.

"Philanthropic: She is the spirit of faith, hope, and love; religion, morals, ethics, piety, and charity are hers; she is ministrant and leader in all good works."

The "seven cultures of man," by contrast, are:

"Poetry: Homer, Goethe, Dante, Shakespeare, are his models.

"History: Herodotus and Thucydides are his models.

"Art: Phidias and Raphael are his models.

"Science: Galileo, Harvey, and Newton are his leaders in science.

"Philosophy: Plato, Aristotle, Spinoza, and Hegel are the greatest thinkers.

"Inventions: He follows the lead of Gutenberg, Watts, and Stephenson.

"Discovery: Columbus discovered a world."

greater must be his regret as he learns from the doctor's erudite lecture that the "seven supreme qualities of woman" are:

"Modesty: Modesty, secrecy, privacy, mystery. She is hidden, 'No man has lifted the veil.'

"Grace: Ease and perfection of motion, both in mind and body, are hers. Graciousness, gracefulness, gratefulness, are her qualities.

"Feeling: Man is the unfeeling sex. Woman has emotion, pathos, affection, affectiveness, affectivity, susceptibility, le coeur sensible; she is easily moved to tears.

"Tenderness: Woman has kindness, gentleness, compassion, mercy, pity—pity for all small, helpless things.

"Sweetness: Man becomes embittered, soured, sharpened, roughened, by contact with the world. Woman is the sweetheart.

"Loveliness: She is alluring, charming, fascinating; she is a blissful one.

"Devotion: She has pity. She is self-sacrificing, enthusiastic, devoted to others."

Unfortunately for man, the learned doctor does not take the trouble to state that these paths, "the seven supreme qualities of woman," are also open to man. Verily, woe is man that he is man!

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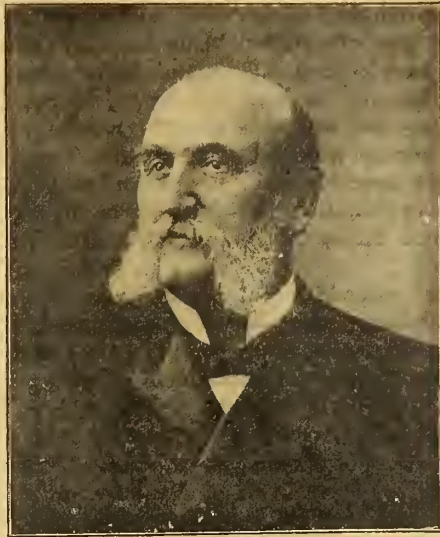
# THE REALM OF MUSIC

By W. J. KNIGHT

### "THE NINETY AND NINE"

There is perhaps not one among our familiar gospel songs that is more stirringly pathetic than the "Ninety and Nine," which is now so well known everywhere. The recent death of the late Mr. Sankey, the author of the music, has served to call special attention to this great hymn. I remember well, when I heard Mr. Sankey sing it for the first time, many years ago, what an impression it made upon me, and how I thought that I had never heard a song more touchingly beautiful. There was scarcely a dry eye in the great audience before which it was sung. The story of the discovery of this beautiful song by Mr. Sankey is already familiar to many of my readers—how, traveling with Mr. Moody from Glasgow, in Scotland, to Edinburgh, he purchased a religious paper at a railway book-stall, and found, without the author's name, the beautiful words of the poem beginning: "There were ninety and nine that safely lay In the shelter of the fold;" so struck with its beauty, he preserved it in his note-book. In Edinburgh that night, Mr. Moody spoke to an immense audience on the subject of the Good Shepherd and the lost sheep, and, when it was over, asked Mr. Sankey to sing something appropriate. The thought of the cutting that he had in his pocket came to him; and, taking it out, he placed it before him on the organ, not knowing what music he was about to sing it to. Breathing a prayer for help, and striking a few chords, he sang the first stanza to extemporary music. He tells us that he was fearful lest he should not be able to repeat the same air to the other stanzas. His hearers, including Mr. Moody himself, were electrified by the song, and as he sang the words: "Lord, whence are those blood-drops all the way, That mark out the mountain's track? They were shed for one who had gone astray, Ere the Shepherd could bring him back. Lord, whence are thy hands so rent and torn? They are pierced tonight by many a thorn," the audience seemed completely overcome. The poem, as already stated, had been published anonymously; and it was not until it became famous as one of Mr. Sankey's gospel songs, that the author, Elizabeth C. Clephane, became known. The "Ninety and Nine"

was originally written for a friend, who was the editor of a paper known as the Children's Hour, and it was afterwards copied into other religious papers.



IRA D. SANKEY

In her disposition she was undemonstrative, silent, and thoughtful. At an early age she was deprived of both parents, and so her young life was darkened with sorrow. She showed, in early years, signs of intellectual ability. She was first in her class at school, and a favorite with her teachers. As she grew into womanhood, she overcame her shyness to some extent, and developed into a brilliant woman, whose bright fancy and sparkling conversation made her the delight of her friends.

Her love of poetry, her sister tells us, was a passion, and she began, when very young, to write verses of a religious nature. Her life was characterized by a deep personal piety; but she was also thoroughly practical. Her heart was touched as she saw around her so many forlorn little ones, whose instruction was neglected and whose lives were saddened by want. She was deeply burdened for their spiritual needs. She gathered together groups of the children and cared for them, giving them all the help that lay in her power, caring for both body and soul. Her heart went out to every lost little one, and, like the Master, as— "Out in the desert he heard its cry; Fainting and helpless and ready to die," she, too, was touched by the call for help, and hastened to the rescue. Among the sick and sorrowful, she won the name of "My Sunbeam;" and to these sad ones she brought light and joy and sunshine.

One of her friends said of her, "She is the purest mind I ever knew," and yet she was ever helping to restore the fallen and those who were out of the way. With the skeptical she was gentle, but used all earnestness, and the wonderful power of her sweet words, to convince them, and turn them to a faith in the living Father. All her work was done unassumingly and heartily, for the Master she loved and honored.

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## No More Wrinkles

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Della Ellison, of Scranton, Pa., seems to be the woman whose name shall go down in history as the discoverer of the true secret of beauty. For centuries past women have realized that wrinkles not only made them look much older than they were, but were also the destroyer of their beauty, and with ceaseless efforts they have sought to stay the hand of time, which robbed them of this most valuable charm.

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It comes as a surprise that the discovery should be made by a modest little woman in Scranton when our large cities are full of beauty doctors and specialists who have sought in vain for a treatment that would turn back the clock of time and place the imprint of youth on the fast fleeting footsteps of age, but far more surprising is the fact that she is to remain where she is.

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# The Art of Home Making

## DOMESTIC SERVICE A BUSINESS

By Hope Onslow

The good housekeeper makes a business of housekeeping, and goes at it with the same regularity, energy, tact, and thought that are required in any other business. In our observation and experience we have noticed failure in this line because business methods were not applied and executed. There are women who hate housekeeping—and no wonder! They would hate any employment that was conducted in the same careless, haphazard style.

It should not be natural for a woman to hate housekeeping, as the house and the home are pre-eminently a woman's domain; and what-ever else a woman may be capable of, she should see to it, as a requisite of womanliness, that she is capable of keeping house, and of being a real home-maker.

### A Feudal Notion

There has been a sentiment in the world, from the feudal ages, when the peasantry were feudal slaves, and the lords and ladies were domineering tyrants, that work belonged to boors, and that it was lowering for a lady to do her own housework. Something of this false notion still prevails, and accounts for the rush into clerkships, offices, professions, trades, and arts on the part of girls who will not "lower" themselves to do housework. What wonder that there is a constant cry of complaint on the part of mistresses, when they relegate to the kitchen girl the work they consider too degrading for their own hands to perform? What wonder the girls seek sustenance from some other line of service, when, as housemaids, they are considered the inferior of the inferior? This false notion makes this service anything but desirable, and puts up bars of conventional pride between the kitchen girl and maid-of-all-work and the family.

Sensible women, who have looked into this question, find two reforms necessary in order to change this regime, and obliterate the effects of this pestiferous notion—a reform on the part of mistresses and a reform on the part of the maids. Domestic service has been abandoned by the better class of wage-earners, because they would not endure the slights and insults of those who looked upon them with disrespect as mere servants and inferior beings, and this has left the field to foreigners, and, to a large extent, to ignorant, unskilled, and, sometimes, vicious persons. The evil growing out of this wrong idea serves only to perpetuate and make it more intolerable; for ladies cannot take the persons that come to them as servants into any friendly relation of comradeship, and the habit of treating their servants as inferiors grows so that they are incapable of winning a better class of persons to their homes.

### Cooking Schools for Maid and Matron

The trouble growing out of these evils has called for reformation, and demands either that the domestic service shall be supplied with better ser-

vice, or that mistresses shall themselves become capable of house-keeping and skilled in culinary arts. The need of reform has brought about "housekeepers' conventions," the formation of "cooking schools," and clubs for the "social betterment of working-girls." Over and over we are forced to learn the lesson that humanity was meant for unity. The formation of domestic training classes, where both mistress and maid are pupils, may yet serve to bring about the sympathetic relation that should exist between them, and make an element of stable comfort in the home.

Could sweet, loveable, sensible girls be induced to take a course in scientific cookery and domestic economy, so that they were thorough masters of the mysteries of household service, and furnished with a diploma for their initiation into the business, why could they not be fitted to command respect and to demand proper wages? The mistress who was equally capable, and was experienced enough to appreciate such help, would not find it hard to be respectful and even tender to her co-laborer in the home. Such enviable association and mutual benefit would lift the service to its rightful plane, and the tide would turn back to house-keeping and homemaking.

### Improving Conditions

The wrong attitude we have mentioned has created a sentiment against housework, and mothers have not themselves made housework attractive by a business way of doing it. Servant maids are not trained for house-keeping, and with their despairing mistresses, who look with disgust on disordered rooms, an empty larder, and the general discomfort of an unkept house, declare that they, too, hate housework.

But all this might be avoided by becoming systematic. Why not make up your mind to do certain things on certain days, as nearly as possible; make out a menu for a week ahead; and use brains in planning so that your household will be well nourished and your income not be exceeded by your expenditures?

### Sound Sense In Housekeeping

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# WITH THE EDITOR

## Woman's Worth

No right-thinking man can question woman's relative worth in the world. Judged wholly by the sordid standard of the dollar, no doubt man can establish his claim to be worth more to the world than is woman. But when the less sordid and the higher and better things of life are brought into the problem, then, it must, in all fairness, be conceded that the balance is greatly in favor of woman. As mental ascendancy is far superior to that achieved through exercise of muscular power—mere brute force—so also are the triumphs of the heart—the seat of love—greatly superior to those of the mind. While man unquestionably excels woman in physical power, and, to a less degree, in mental ability, the realm of the heart is without question that in which woman greatly excels man. As this realm, in its power for good to the race, is much more potent than the two lower realms, those of muscle and mind, in which man excels, and as woman excels man in this higher realm, it follows of necessity that her worth to the world is greater than is that of man. Especially is this true in the more recent years of the world's history, since woman has been given more freedom and opportunity both for a better and a broader culture and a wider field of activity in the world's work.

While in former centuries man has maintained a higher intellectuality than has woman, it is a serious question in the early part of the twentieth century whether he will long continue so to do. For decades woman has been making greater intellectual progress than has man. To prove this it is only necessary to study the records of our high schools, colleges, and universities. In every city and village of our country having high schools, there are usually four or five young ladies graduated to one young man, and it is a notable fact also that in most scholarship contests in our co-educational institutions of higher learning, a majority of the prizes are usually won by the women students. Surely, unless young men bestir themselves most energetically, they will find themselves outdistanced by their fair sisters in the race for intellectual supremacy.

## Woman's Work

The better trained and more intelligent woman becomes, the more will she, little by little, year by year, encroach upon the field of remunerative activity heretofore thought by man to be exclusively his own. If the latter is to win out in this rivalry, he must change his tactics; he must make most strenuous efforts at least to maintain an intellectual equality with woman. If boys continue to leave school and rush into business long before they have sufficient training, while their sisters go on with their studies for several years, and if college men lazily allow college women to outstrip them, they will have only themselves to blame

later on if they find the high salaried positions to which they aspire taken by women who are abler, better-trained, and in every way better qualified.

While the sphere of woman's activity and usefulness has broadened wonderfully during the century just past, and while many vocations and professions are now open to women that were formerly closed, it still remains a fact—and an ever glorious one—that the domain where woman, even the best educated, the most cultured, and the most accomplished, is supreme and queen regent is that beautiful realm of home. Whatever may be her triumphs elsewhere, there is not now, nor has there ever been, a woman whose fondest dreams of life are not of being the happy queen and mother in an ideal home. Testimony to this fact has only recently been given by Miss Anna Louise Amendt, who is the most valued employe of the biggest real estate firm in New York, and who is the highest salaried woman in that great metropolis, if not in the world; she receiving \$20,000 a year. In conversation with Elizabeth H. Gregory, a well-known syndicate newspaper writer. Miss Amendt said:

"I suppose many women envy me, but to my mind, to be a good mother and a wife is the grandest of all successes. Home is the natural sphere for every woman, and no matter in what direction her lines may be cast, she cannot entirely shake off that desire to reign as its queen some time."

## Our Aim

But in our latter day strenuous life all women cannot realize their heart's fondest dream, and it not infrequently happens that a happy wife and mother is bereft of the husband, the father, and the breadwinner for the family, and henceforth has to support both herself and children by her own unaided efforts.

It has been the most earnest aim and purpose of the editors and publishers of Vick's Magazine to make this Woman's Worth and Work number both an inspiration and a positive help, not only to those just described, but to all women who, for any reason, are under the necessity of earning their own way in the world, wholly or in part. Many, many thousands, yea, millions, are there of such noble women in the world, who are, indeed, true heroines, bravely struggling with life's difficulties, striving worthily to achieve an honorable career. Here's to their health, happiness, and success.

## An Injustice

One of the remarkable characteristics of our time is the wonderful success that women are attaining in many of the professions and occupations, which it has been thought, in times past, were open only to members of the sterner sex. In some lines, by reason of nature's own limitations, woman is not capable of doing as good work as man.

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then have only four \$39 notes each year for seven years to pay out of your income. Can you hope in any other way, so safe and sure as this, to have so large an independent income in so short a time? I believe the purchase of Texas Irrigated Land to be the best way for a man of small means to make himself independent. And I believe I am qualified to pass judgment as I have been interested in irrigation matters locally and nationally for 15 years. The results are simply astounding to those who are unfamiliar with the great subject of irrigation. And I believe the happiest man these days is the man with the little ten acre irrigated farm—(President Roosevelt says, "Even 5 acres is enough to support a family and keep it busy"). The owner of a Ten Acre Irrigated Farm doesn't have to "knuckle to the boss," nor strain his conscience in the struggle of the intense commercialism of the day. His income is practically untouched by "financial depression." His living and peace of mind are not dependent upon the whim of any man. He is king in his own little domain. He can make his little ten acres earn as much as a quarter section (160 acres) unirrigated, would produce—as much as between twenty and eighty thousand dollars in cash would bring, loaned out at 6 per cent. He has his close neighbors, his telephone, good roads, schools and churches—in fact, all the comforts and conveniences of life that come with the prosperous close-knit community, though they pass by the great isolated farm. The land I want you to buy is all good rich soil, irrigated from Canals and Ditches already constructed in the most approved modern fashion and carrying an abundant supply of water taken from the ever-flowing Pecos River. It is within a few miles of Barstow, Texas, and Pecos City, Texas, (the two towns are only 6 1/2 miles apart—the land lies between the towns and a little to the north) and served by the Texas & Pacific Railway and the Pecos Valley Line of the Santa Fe System. With rich soil, a splendid climate and the uncertain quantity—moisture—eliminated, agriculture and horticulture can here be scientifically carried on to the splendid profit of the land owner. The abundant crops of large and in every other way superior hays, grains, cotton, vegetables and fruits are equalled in only a very few favored spots. The justly celebrated Barstow Grapes are considered by many to be even better—variety for variety—than those raised in Southern California—and we are 1,200 miles nearer the great Eastern market. But all this is the merest outline of what I desire to show you in detail. I am only attempting to make it clear to you that you can have an assured independent living income in less than three years if you can possibly save \$3 a week. I have promised to submit the proof. All you have to do is write for it. Will you do that today, even if you can't commence right away? I want the address of every man or woman who is willing to show me a week if I can prove that the result will be financial independence in less than three short years. There is nothing philanthropic about this proposition, but I especially want to hear from the wage-earners. I have worked for fifteen years to develop this Irrigation System and this community. It would be gratifying to me to have those who most need it reap the benefits of my labors. It will be more convenient for you to address me at St. Louis, and I am equipped there to best answer you.

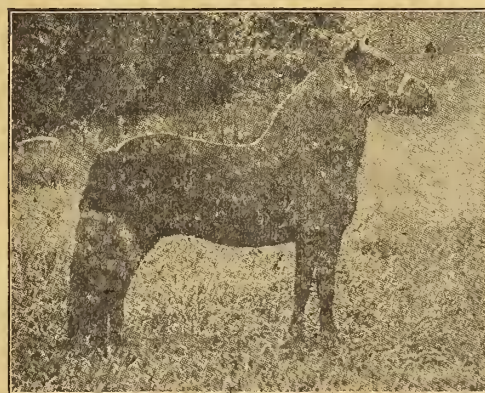
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## At the Point of the Needle

EDITED BY LAURETTA MILLER



### FANCY WORK FOR PLEASURE AND PROFIT

When a woman cannot leave home to earn money, and yet feels that she must add to the income, the needle offers the most certain road to success.

Many women, indeed, are now earning a good living at the point of the needle. Special kinds of fancy work will find ready sale in many localities, but a woman must understand at once that there is no royal road to customers. If a woman can do the fine briar or feather stitching, faggotting, satin stitch, seed stitch, outline stitches, and eyelet work, she should try to get customers for made-to-order lingerie, infants' outfits, shirt waists, and tub gowns.

If satin stitch is a woman's specially strong point in needlework, she may find customers among the fashionable dressmakers. Satin stitch is also used for marking table linen, and this offers another field in which women may find remunerative work. Some of the larger shops in cities take orders for marking table linen, and this work is generally sent out to be done in the homes of the workers. The most exact stitching is demanded, but the pay is good for this kind of embroidery. The writer is acquainted with one woman who has made an independent income for many years, and the only embroidery she accepts is marking napkins and tablecloths with the owners' initials or monograms. She gives employment to nine women throughout the year, and solicits her own orders.

All women cannot do satin stitch equally well, and there are needleworkers who never acquire the art. These women need not despair of making money with the needle, because with the waning of the fad for all-white embroidery, there is an increasing demand for colored embroidery done with the Filo embroidery silks on white linen, and with Grecian floss on colored fabrics. And it is a fact that has been thoroughly demonstrated that there is not a woman who can read that cannot learn to do the solid embroidery, with



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the familiar long-and-short stitch. A few years ago, one of the large silk manufacturers (the Richardson Silk Company, of Chicago) made the test, printing thousands of lessons illustrated with marked diagrams of the flowers, showing the stitch direction and the color placing. These lessons were sent broadcast over the country, are still being sent, the writer is informed, and the result has been the receipt of hundreds of letters from women, saying that they have been enabled to work out most difficult embroidery designs without other aid than that afforded by the printed lessons. The result is a large army of capable embroiderers. Many of these self-taught women are making money with knowledge gained in this manner.

Where a woman who wishes to make money with her needle is well located, a small art parlor in the home is generally successful. In this parlor stamping to order should be a feature of the work. A small stock of embroidery silk may be safely purchased, and lessons should be given on all kinds of needlework. The danger lies in not knowing just what to buy or how to advertise the little parlor successfully. The writer will be glad to answer any question on this subject from women who desire to

start a small home business; from her years of experience she may be able to help some sister woman, and this help will be given freely.

October is an excellent month in which to make up fancy articles for sale later; novelties of all kinds find ready sale at holiday time, and among novelties that cost little in time and money may be mentioned the little linen pin-cushions, the baby bonnets, baby pillows, birthday pillows, tea aprons, work aprons, and doileys. It is a curious fact that single doileys are frequently purchased by people who desire to make some little gift at Christmas; they would not spend the money for an entire set, but will purchase one single piece. The doileys and center to match can be frequently sold to one customer, and when this customer is found, the sale will be a profitable one. A \$25 luncheon set can be made up with the expenditure of a little less than \$275. The set should include one 22-inch centerpiece and six plate doileys to match. The embroidery should be done with Filo silk, and the design most popular should be selected. Violets, roses and poppies are always favorites. On a \$25 set of linen one should use about thirty skeins of the embroidery silk.

Mention should here be made of the Women's Exchanges located in many cities. Some of these places offer an opening for the sale of fancy work, but the woman who needs immediate results should not depend upon this method of selling her work. First, there is a small expense attached to the depositing of the work, in the shape of a membership fee. Next, there is a commission asked for each sale made, and last, there is no certainty that a sale will be made, and the work may be returned to the owner at the end of six months. Personal solicitation and judicious advertising are the only certain means of making sales or of securing customers.

It is well to remember that more small, inexpensive articles can be sold for the holiday season than large, expensive pieces. Almost any woman can



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be induced to purchase a dainty pin-cushion for the dressing-table. The same design in a pin-cushion cover may be embroidered with different colors. For instance, the design illustrated in Figure 5 may be made up with pale blue Grecian floss, with pale pink Grecian floss, or it may be made up entirely with the white Grecian floss. A pretty display of embroidered pin-cushions would prove an attraction for an entire town. The articles should be displayed in the living room, on tables spread with white cloths, and cards should be sent to a

outline the stems with the same color. Sew the ruffle to the front of the pillow cover, gathering the ruffle more at the point of the heart than elsewhere. Sew the front to the back of the pillow cover, leaving the opening at the point for inserting the hair pillow. Close this opening with tapes sewed to the point of both back and front cover. The baby bonnet and pillow illustrated would make an interesting "sale" for an afternoon.

#### Fancy and Work Aprons

Tea aprons, sometimes called "five o'clocks," because they are so much used by hostesses serving tea at informal affairs, are always in demand. One is safe to give a friend one of these aprons daintily embroidered for almost any occasion—birthday, Christmas, Easter, and all occasions when such a gift may be made acceptably. The aprons can be purchased ready made up with hem-stitched ruffle, lawn strings and band, and the design stamped ready for the embroidery. The design illustrated in Figure 3 may be worked in shadow embroidery, which can be quickly done, or in solid long-and-short stitch, in the natural shades of the flower.

Figure 4 illustrates one of the most useful of work aprons. The design is the world's favorite flower for sentiment, the forget-me-not. Embroider the design solid and cover all the machine stitching on the ready made up apron with fine feather stitching made with Grecian floss. Blue ribbon should be run in the hem on the front of the pockets and in the tuck made in the apron, at the top of the hem. This ribbon serves to gather the pockets into a bag from which the work cannot escape when the apron is removed. If a particularly dainty article is desired, the lawn strings may be removed and a wide blue ribbon substituted.

Vick's Magazine is desirous of rendering all possible aid to those desiring to succeed in this line of remunerative work. If any reader desires to try the



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list of probable customers, asking them to inspect the different pin-cushions. Some may be square, others round, and still others like the shape illustrated, which, after all, is the popular shape.

The pin-cushion illustrated is designed for the easy and popular Wallachian embroidery. After the embroidery has been completed, place the pin-cushion form between the upper and under covers and lace the two together with narrow ribbon run through the eyelets made for this purpose. The ribbon should match the embroidery silk in color.

#### Melon Shaped Bonnet for Baby

A baby bonnet should prove a good article for a home sale of fancy work. The style is new and popular. Figure 1 shows one of these bonnets designed for the lazy-daisy stitch. The embroidery stitch is well named, it is so simple and requires so little time to work. The bonnets come ready stamped, on fine handkerchief linen or on fine lawn, as may be desired. The strings are included. The design is stamped on a size suitable for a child three years old. The same design may be adapted to a child from one to three years old by trimming the material away around the edges of each melon shaped piece. A woman with any experience with the needle should be able to embroider and make up two or three of the little bonnets in a day.

#### Baby Pillow with Hemstitched Ruffle

The heart-shaped baby pillow is the delight of any mother who desires dainty articles for baby's use. The design, No. 2, is stamped on fine white lawn, and the ruffle is supplied, made of the same material, exquisitely hemstitched. In making up the pillow, first embroider the violets in natural tones of violet silk, or in all white. When the white Grecian floss or white Filo silk is used,

plan of making an afternoon sale, she can obtain detailed information, helpful hints, and suggestions showing what to do and how to obtain all needed designs and supplies by writing to the editor of this department of Vick's Magazine.



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## Pleasing the Palate



### SANDWICHES FOR PICNIC SCHOOL OR LUNCHEON

By Rose R. Grosvenor

Sandwiches, being one of the most important items in all school luncheons, every person who may have occasion to furnish a menu, should understand the selection of suitable materials and the method of preparing a tempting variety.

Sandwiches may be made of white graham, rye, or brown bread, and small rolls or wafers, combined with nearly all kinds of cooked meats, fish, eggs, salads, fruit, nuts, and vegetables, such as celery, cucumbers, cress and tomatoes, finished with plain seasoning or the addition of a mayonnaise dressing.

The heartier sandwiches, made of meat, fish, cheese, or eggs, are usually cut in small squares or oblong shapes, while the more delicate ones made of fruit, jams, nuts, etc., are cut round or in a crescent shape, a sharp-edged cake cutter being useful for that purpose.

#### Medley Sandwich

For this take two-thirds minced chicken, one-third minced ham, and tongue. Moisten this with just a suggestion of mayonnaise, add a pinch of cayenne pepper, and spread between thin slices of brown and white bread and shape as desired. For a delectable

#### Chicken Sandwich

Chop two cups of white meat, then pound it to a paste and add the yolk of three hard-boiled eggs mixed, smooth with melted butter. Season with a little celery salt and a pinch of white pepper. Spread on buttered bread and cut in triangles. A tempting

#### Sardine Sandwich

Is made as follows: Count one sardine for each sandwich needed, remove all skins and bits of bone and rub the fish to a paste, adding a pinch each of pepper and salt, one-half teaspoonful

of made mustard and one tablespoonful of lemon juice. Mix well, spread, and cut out in small squares.

#### Cheese Sandwiches

Are always welcome. To make those which are exceedingly palatable, grate one-fourth of a pound of cream cheese and mix with one-half teaspoonful each of salt, white pepper, and French mustard. Melt one tablespoonful of butter and add one tablespoonful of vinegar, mix thoroughly, then spread medium thin on buttered bread. Press the slices firmly together and cut in oblong strips. For those favoring an appetizing

#### Egg Sandwich

This recipe never fails to satisfy. Chop the whites of four hard-boiled eggs very fine, rubbing the yolks smooth and mixing the two together with a tablespoonful of well-seasoned mayonnaise. Spread this mixture on very thin bread slightly buttered, add as small crisp lettuce leaf, then another thin layer of the filling and the upper slice of bread. Trim to the desired size and shape. A dainty

#### Peanut Sandwich

Will always be a pleasing addition to any luncheon. For these, grind freshly roasted peanuts quite fine, salt to taste and add to the product a sufficient amount of sweet cream or melted butter to produce a paste. Spread this mixture between thin slices of white bread or oblong wafers. If bread is used, cut it in small crescents. In the way of an added tid-bit try the

#### Russian Sandwiches

Made by spreading crisp, square, salted wafers with thin slices of cream cheese and covering with a layer of finely chopped olives mixed with a little mayonnaise. Top this with another wafer and press gently together.

Sweet sandwiches help to make a variety and should not be forgotten.

#### Neapolitan Sandwiches

Are exceptionally dainty, and easily made. Take square or oblong soda wafers and spread with thick raspberry jam or fig filling; place another wafer on top of this, and cover with a plain icing. Sprinkle with ground nuts and bake in a medium hot oven until a delicate brown. Another quite as delicious, is the

#### Tutti Frutti Sandwich

To prepare this filling, grind the following ingredients very fine; one cupful of stoned dates, one-half cupful each of candied cherries, English walnuts, and blanched almond meats; then add orange juice until the mixture is of the consistency of butter. Then spread on unsalted wafers or thin slices of bread and cut in triangles.

### GRAHAM RECEIPTS

By Elma Iona Locke

#### Graham Bread with Yeast

Take a little over a quart of warm water, one-half cup of brown sugar or molasses, one-fourth cup of hop yeast, and one teaspoon of salt. Thicken the water with enough graham flour to make a thin batter, add the sugar, salt, and yeast, and stir in more flour until quite stiff. Let set over night; in the morning add a small teaspoon of soda, and flour enough to make the batter as stiff as can be stirred with a spoon; put into pans and let it rise again in a warm place, smooth over the loaves with a knife dipped in water. Bake in an even oven, not too hot at first.

#### Graham Unfermented Bread

One and one-half pints of Graham flour, one cup of white flour, one tablespoon of sugar, one teaspoon of salt, two of baking powder, one and one-fourth pints of milk (sweet); mix rapidly into a soft dough and pour into a greased pan. Bake in a rather hot oven for forty minutes, protecting with paper for the last fifteen minutes.

#### Another Recipe

Four cups of graham flour, two cups of buttermilk, one scant cup of molasses, one teaspoon of soda, one of salt. Bake for one hour.

#### Delicate Graham Bread for Invalids

One pint of Graham flour, one pint of white flour, one tablespoon of sugar, one teaspoon of salt, two of baking powder; sift all together, and add three cups of sweet milk. Mix quickly into a smooth soft dough, and bake in two small bread pans for twenty-five minutes. Protect with paper for the first ten minutes.

#### Graham Lunch Bread

Three cups of graham flour, one cup white flour, one tablespoon sugar, one teaspoon salt, two of baking powder; sift all together, and add sweet milk to make a smooth dough that can be easily handled. Flour the board and loaves, lay in a shallow pan so they will just touch, wash over thirty minutes. When done, remove from the oven and rub over the crust with a little butter.

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# Mother's Realm

By Eda W. Von Alten

## Proper Food for School Children

**I**N the whole realm of domestic economy no more important question arises than this: What food shall be provided for the children when going to school? In entering upon school life the child is ushered into an entirely new series of experiences, and many new faculties are brought into exercise, the general nervous strain and tension being materially increased. This being true, it is important that special thought be given to the subject of their diet, to the end that they shall be so nourished by adequate and well-chosen food as to enable them to sustain the added tax that school life places upon their maturing powers.

The first and most important consideration affecting this question is this: Has the child a vigorous appetite? A good appetite is a prime essential to good health in school children. Children thus blessed may sometimes eat more than they need, but the danger to future good health from this tendency is not comparable with that of ailing children who arise morning after morning, declaring, "Oh, I'm not hungry; I don't want any breakfast," and on the strength of this declaration are allowed to go to school breakfastless. Not only do appetiteless children thus go without breakfast day after day, but they often have nothing at noon but a cold, scanty, ill-assorted lunch, that neither satisfies the cravings of nature nor affords any adequate nourishment. Is it any wonder that children thus underfed become puny, skinny, boney, and unsightly, and either die prematurely or develop into chronic dyspeptics and invalids for life?

No mother should ever be satisfied to send any of her children away to school day after day without a hearty breakfast. Loss of appetite morning after morning is an unerring sign that something is seriously wrong with the child. If he hasn't an appetite, get him one; and if it is necessary to call in the aid of a sensible physician, do so. At all events let a healthy appetite be obtained, even if it is necessary to take the child out of school.

Neither growing brains nor sound, healthy bodies can be sustained without wholesome food and enough of it.

Having established a proper demand in the child for nutritious food, the mother should address herself to the duty of meeting that demand, so as to build up the growing tissues of the body, and renew the nerve-forces of the brain.

Some simple but nutritious luncheons for children to take to school are quite important factors for the mother to study. In the first place, two things are to be considered: First, the combination of foods; and secondly, the change of food, or variety. The necessity of studying the child's constitution, and of preparing foods necessary for his healthy growth, should be impressed upon every mother. Simplicity should be the watchword for the lunch-basket, so that the child may have sufficient natural appetite to eat the food prepared for it.

Two or three butter sandwiches, with sliced meat, are always palatable and wholesome. Stewed fruit, such as peaches, pears, plums, apples, etc., is better than poor fresh fruit. A little celery, graham wafers, and fruit crackers are palatable and wholesome. Eggs can be substituted for meat, making several egg sandwiches, with custard, rice pudding, or some simple cake.

## Suggestions for Mothers

The study of children in the home is a most important one. So many different temperaments are present that the poor mother oftentimes is perplexed, and knows not what is best. There is the child who is morbid, or over-quiet; the awkward child; the never-quiet, or "perpetual motion" child; and numerous others. Awkwardness in children is often better passed by unnoticed, as too frequent reminders or harping upon one and the same subject may make a child oversensitive, thus exaggerating the deficiency.


The morbid child, who loves solitude, might be called away frequently under some pretense, as that of helping mother select or change a piece of furniture for the room, or by inducing it to play a favorite game, or tell a familiar story—anything that will awaken interest in the welfare of others, and turn its attention out and away from itself.

The over-active child is perhaps considered the healthy child by the physician and those interested in scientific child-study; but what poor mother has not experienced days of trial by a little band of "perpetual motions." The best remedy is a series of busy works in the home, such as cutting, sewing, perforating, building, etc. These occupations should be made so simple that the mother can direct, and go on with her household duties. Thus is shown the true kindergarten spirit, and the one too often lacking in the home.

## WITH THE EDITOR

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In others she not only does as well, but often excels him. Whenever she does as good work as her brother, she should receive the same pay; and if she does better than he, she should receive more. Notably do women excel as teachers; and yet as a rule they receive less pay for like services than do men. In New York, men teachers receive an average of \$74.95 monthly, and women receive \$41.33—a difference of 30 per cent in favor of the men; in Massachusetts, men receive \$128.55, and women, \$48.38, a glaring injustice; in Rhode Island, men receive \$101.83, and women, \$50.56; in Connecticut, men receive \$85.58, and women \$41.88. The states named above are regarded as the most enlightened in the American Union. These figures, however, do not indicate the possession of an overplus of enlightenment on at least one subject.



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## THE KING AND HIS TREASURER

By William W. Von Alten

Many years ago there reigned in Persia a king who was a great hunter. One day, he was separated from his attendants in the pursuit of a wild boar.

Night came on, and the mighty king found himself alone in the wilderness, very much fatigued and in despair. He tied his weary horse to a tree, and vainly tried to find the way to some human habitation. All at once he heard the melodious tones of a flute. Going in the direction of the sound, he saw a boy about fourteen years old sitting on a boulder and trying, by the music of his flute, to gather some goats which he was herding. The goats readily came and started for home at his call, and when he had collected them all, he descended from the boulder and started home.

The king stopped the boy and asked him where he was going. The lad replied that he was going to the hut of his father. The king told him to go on, and that he would follow. After walking about a mile, they reached a small hut, in front of which stood a man advanced in years, and who looked with great astonishment at the approaching king. When the king came up, the old man recognized him at once, for he had been engaged in many a battle under his leadership. The old man prostrated himself before his sovereign, as is the custom in that country, and implored him to have mercy on him; for, in Persia, the king is master of all his subjects—even of their very lives. The king bade him rise and fear not; that he had lost his way, and asked for hospitality.

"Mighty king," said the peasant, "all I have is at your command; a dish of oatmeal porridge and a cupful of goats' milk is all I have."

"It is well," said the king. "I am as hungry as a wolf. I am ready to enter your hut and partake of such food as you have."

The king sat down to eat, and never did food taste so good to him as did that simple meal. The repast being finished, the peasant spread some goat-skins on the floor of his hut, and on them slept the mighty king, the peasant and the boy, side by side. The next morning the king was greatly refreshed, for he had never slept better.

Before departing for home the next morning, the king enquired:

"How did you know that I was the king?" the old man was asked by his sovereign.

"Many a battle have I fought with your Majesty as my leader; and perhaps you recall that on a certain occasion a soldier saved your life."

"I remember it well," said the king, "and I only wonder that I did not recognize you before as the one who saved me from death at the risk of his own life. In vain have I searched for you these many long years in order that I might reward you. But now that I have at last found you, I will pay the debt of gratitude I owe you."

"Mighty king," replied the peasant, "I am not in want. I do not think it is in your Majesty's power to better

my condition, for here I am happy with my boy, my goats, and my flute."

"Ah!" said the king, "I know far better than you do what is for your good. You and your son must go with me. Your boy shall be educated by the best masters in my realm, and I will make a great man of him."

The peasant pleaded, but in vain, for they were taken to the palace of the king, where, by his orders, they were well provided for.

The years went on, and in course of time the good old man died. Pascal, the boy, became a man, and none was better educated than he in all the realm. The king had promoted him from station to station, until at last he was appointed treasurer of all the wealth of the mighty king of Persia.

Pascal's exalted position drew upon him the envy and jealousy of the courtiers. They told the king that his new treasurer was dishonest; that he had built a vault in a secret place; that he was conveying all the treasures of the king to this vault, and that this work was nearly accomplished; and that he was also at the head of a conspiracy to dethrone the king and to raise himself to his place. The king, believing these calumnies, ordered Pascal before him and sternly said:

"Pascal, lead me instantly to the secret vault in which thou art secretly hiding my treasures."

"O mighty king! That I have a secret vault I will not deny; but all its contents are mine. I beseech your Majesty not to pry into my secret, for if you should once behold the inside of my secret vault, you and I must part forever."

But the doubts and fears of the king being strengthened by Pascal's assertions, he said to him: "Lead on to thy secret vault, and I will see for myself what thou hast hidden there."

Pascal then led the king to the vault, and both entered together. Great was the astonishment of the king to find not a single piece of his treasure concealed there. In the midst of the vault there stood a plain table made of common wood, and by its side stood a simple chair made of the same material. Upon the chair lay the hairy garment of a goatherd, and upon the table a flute. Pascal took off the fine robes of his office, and, dressing himself in the simple garment made of goatskins, he took up the flute and played the same tune by the notes of which he used to gather his goats around him when in his native wilderness, and, with tears in his eyes, bade the king "Good bye," saying, "O mighty king! I prefer to go back to my home and to my goats, where I was happy,"—and notwithstanding the entreaties of his sovereign, who was himself moved to tears, Pascal left the king's court never to return. But the great ruler and his ex-treasurer remained warm friends ever afterward, and it often happened that the king, when overwrought with the cares and vexations of state, would quietly steal away from the imperial palaces, seek out the humble cottage of his goatherd friend, and greatly enjoy his humble hospitality.



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# TO THE READERS OF THE VICK'S MAGAZINE

**A Clean Straight Talk on the Folly of Trying to Cure Constipation by the Use of Cathartics and the Wonderful Results Accomplished Right at Home by the New "Midgley Way"**

**For the Benefit of Our Readers, Prof. T. H. Midgley Gives an Interesting Talk On the Remarkable Results Attained by His New Rational Method in Curing Constipation Without Pills and Medicines**

For the benefit of our readers we publish a timely and interesting talk by Prof. T. H. Midgley on a point which is most vital to every man, woman and child in this country—the way to stop the spreading danger of chronic constipation. All he says is true, and evidences of it are so many and varied, as seen in hundreds of letters from those who have done as he advocates, that we think it a public benefit to make them known. We recommend Prof. Midgley most earnestly to our readers.

## 24-Hour "Habit" All Important

"Although it is one of the simplest things in the world to cure even the worst case of chronic constipation, yet nearly every other man and woman you meet is positively so stopped up as to be hardly able to think clearly. To get the habit every 24 hours regularly works wonders. By the 'habit' I don't mean the cathartic habit, but I mean that 'natural, easy move' that everyone ought to have without being obliged to make a rush for the pill box every night.

## Must Quit Pill Habit

"You young and middle aged men and women who eat and drink everything you like, and you old men and women who are addicted to pill eating to keep your overdue bowels going, you don't realize that there would not be one one-hundredth part of the disease on earth today if your bowels were absolutely regular.

"You can shake your fist at almost any old disease known if you've got the bowels that do business every 24 hours. This is plain talk, but any doctor will tell you the same thing, only he may be more particular in his language, and it won't make the impression on your mind.

## Cathartics Can't Cure Constipation

"It is true that cathartics sluice out the bowels clean, but they also sluice out that bowel-moving juice or secretion which Nature has put in every good bowel to make it work easy and right. When this natural lubricating fluid is cleaned out, your bowels become mere dead pipes. Then you get a bad case of constipation and pills are swallowed to do the moving. This goes on, over and over again, and this is why so many are constipated.

"Take it for granted now that you would like to quit taking pills and drugs, castor oil, cascara, jalap, gamboge and all other cathartics, and consider my new rational method that has cured so many.

## How You Can Stop Constipation Forever

"If you will do as I say you can get rid of your constipation right now and forget about it ever after.

"Forget forever that there are any pills, powders or potions for moving the bowels. They will move themselves if you will just give them a start the 'Midgley Way.' You will never realize how gratifying it is to have regular bowels and how fine it feels to really live until you have tried it.

"My Rational Method includes a remarkable system of bowel exercises for which I send careful directions, with engraved cuts, to show just how the exercises should be taken. These exercises are so easy that they are used without difficulty by delicate women and very elderly people, yet they are so scientific as to stimulate the relaxed bowel muscles and restore them to normal activity in a remarkably short period. No restrictions are placed upon the diet, though I do insist on the use for a time of a certain concentrated Fruit Food called 'Pomolo,' which I have discovered to be possessed of a marvelous tonic and strengthening effect on the entire digestive system. This wonderful Pomolo Fruit is as pleasant to the taste as oranges, and I supply it in a concentrated form from which all harmful acids are eliminated, so that it not only sharpens the appetite, but helps to digest starchy foods and thus prevents the formation of gas in the stomach and bowels—but I cannot go into details here.

"I am willing to tell anyone who will take the trouble to ask me, just exactly how to use this simple method, and how to be cured right at home, so that it will no longer be necessary to dose with all kinds of harmful drugs and acids. I have published a book which contains this Midgley Method in detail, and as it would be impossible to tell you in this brief space what it contains, I will send this book to any man or woman who is interested enough in a cure to send me a few postage stamps so as to pay the bare cost of sending it."

For the benefit of our readers we have taken the trouble to pick out at random a few of these letters and publish them. For instance, Mr. F. G. Jackson, who had almost become a mere skeleton and had suffered for 10 years, cured himself in a few days by the "Midgley Way."

## "Jackson, Old Boy, You're Looking Fine"

Mr. F. G. Jackson, Mining Engineer of the American Flag Quartz Mine at Comptonville, Cal., says: "Prof. T. H. Midgley, Dear Sir: I took your advice. I have gained 10 pounds in weight and my friends remark as I meet them, 'Jackson, old boy, you're looking fine.' I tried almost every kind of patent medicine for 10 years, to no good. Your advice has proved marvelous. I was almost a skeleton, but now I feel as young and hearty as I did 20 years ago. I thank God and Prof. T. H. Midgley."

letters are from worn-out, pill-ridden patients who have tried the "Midgley Way" as a last desperate effort, and to their surprise have been easily and quickly cured.

Mrs. Morgan Parkhurst, of Gerry, N. Y., suffered for 30 years and cured herself in 30 days, and so on down the list.

## Was Near Death

Thos. Needham, 1528 S. 44th Ave., Chicago, says: "I suffered from chronic constipation for 10 years. I tried every cathartic in the market in vain. Doctors could do nothing and death seemed near. By following your advice I cured myself permanently in just one month."



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## Had Tried Every Kind of Medicine

Miss Ella Cea, of Boone, Ia., says: "I had been a constant sufferer from that dread disease, constipation, all my life, and had tried every kind of medicine and consulted many different doctors, but none proved successful. At last I concluded to give Prof. Midgley's drugless treatment a trial. I did so and at the end of one month was entirely cured. My general health grew better and at present am in the best of health. Can say it is a wonderful cure and a help to anyone suffering as I was."

## Suffered 20 Years—Cured in 30 Days

Mr. Geo. E. Barker, 39 Bailey St., Boston, Mass., writes that he had been troubled with constipation for 15 or 20 years and had tried every drug in the market. He cured himself in one month the "Midgley Way."

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## Cathartics That Increase Constipation

"Aloes, calomel, croton oil, cascara sagrada, jalap, gamboge, blue mass, colocynth, asafoetida, senna, epsom salts, laxative mineral waters, podophyllin, castor oil, nux vomica, hyoscyamus, belladonna and other acids and drugs which only physicians know about, cause reaction in the bowels and increase chronic constipation instead of curing it.

"It is not necessary to depend on any one of these sinful drugs, and just as sure as you do, you help to paralyze your own bowels. You can have them move every day regularly without taking any of these paralyzers if you will only follow out my idea, which has already proved successful in hundreds of cases that I have cured.

## Results of Constipation

"When a train is stuck in the tunnel and cannot be dislodged, it stops traffic. With the body it is worse, because when there is a blocking-up somewhere in your 30 feet of bowels, the poison from the blockade is going to be soaked up by the little capillaries on the inside lining of the bowels, and all this poison is rushed right through the blood.

"It goes to the brain naturally, and in every part of the body every organ is being fed on this polluted blood, or sewerage. It goes to your face in the form of pimple-poison and breaks out on the skin—it goes to your head and gives you headaches and dizziness—it goes to your brain and makes you drowsy—it weakens the stomach and causes dyspepsia and had breath—it goes to the liver and causes biliousness—it goes to the kidneys and eventually gives rise to Bright's disease—it goes to the heart and makes it thump—it goes to the eyes and they lose their luster—it makes your nerves flabby and weak and out of sorts, and is the advance agent of all kinds of disease, which you couldn't get at all if there was pure, rich, red blood flowing in your veins and your whole body was in prime condition."

## Doctors Admit "Drug-Sin"

The Chief Clerk of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, located at New Brunswick, N. J., says: "I have suffered from chronic constipation for the past six years, taking most all of the pills and potions I ever heard of. At one time I became so bad I decided to give up my position with the railroad, as I felt my days were numbered.

"One physician told me that he, as well as others, were powerless to cure constipation with drugs, saying that the purgatives inflame the bowels and eventually paralyze them. I followed your advice, have not spent a penny for drugs of any sort and I am cured."

## Look Out for Your Nerves!

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E. D.

### A Dirt Remover.

An old rag carpet is good to lay under another carpet, and, if carefully rolled up and carried out at housecleaning time, will take most of the dirt with it.

Mrs. S. L. B.

### Some Uses for Kerosene.

Kerosene and camphor, equal parts, are good for a sore throat. Wet a cotton cloth and bind on the throat over night.

A tablespoonful of kerosene in two quarts of water for washing windows takes the dirt off and makes them shine.

Kerosene, only a few drops, in warm water will make your windows shine, where soap and water will do nothing.

A teaspoonful of kerosene in cooked starch keeps the irons from sticking and makes a nice gloss.

A. M.

### Knowing How to Knit.

All ladies should learn to knit, as it is the most pleasant pastime for old age and does not require the best eyesight. For all round misery commend me to the woman that cannot sew for lack of eyesight and is compelled to spend long winter evenings with absolutely nothing to do. No lot in the world is more pitiful.

Mrs. A. A. Watkins.

### For the Cough of Croupy Child.

Use burnt alum, powdered, and mixed with sugar—about one-fourth alum and three-fourths sugar. Cough will cease almost at once.

Mrs. M. O.

### To Remove Stains from Enamel.

The next time you burn anything in an enamel dish do not feel discouraged, but go to work and rub thoroughly with rough salt and vinegar enough to moisten it. Then wash in the usual way.

P. L. H.

### Slicing Pineapples.

The knife used for paring a pineapple should not be used for slicing, as the rind contains an acid that will cause a swollen mouth and sore lips. Salt is a good antidote for the ill effects of the peel.

E. M. R.

### A Convenience in Ironing.

To keep irons hot and save steps and time purchase a small one-burner gas plate, attach it to a gas jet and use at the side of your ironing board as an iron stand. It is as good almost as an fire.

J. H.

electric iron. It can also be used on the table at meals to keep the coffee or other eatables hot or in the place of a chafing dish. It can be utilized to cook dainty omelets, etc., when one has no maid. Such a contrivance will often be found very handy for the busy housewife.

R. R. G.

### For Frazzeled Cuffs.

For the business woman who requires a great number of shirt-waists this suggestion may be of some benefit:

Often in laundering the edges of the cuffs are worn to a frazzle, as, being more soiled, they are scrubbed more, thus rendering useless an otherwise good waist.

If the owner will buttonhole the trimmed edge neatly with a fine thread the waist is as good as ever.

It takes a very few minutes of one's time, and, if done neatly, does not mar the appearance of the waist in the least.

T. L. C.

### Little "Helps" for Magazine Readers.

To remove grease spots from hardwood floors first cover spots with soft soap (which can be made by turning hot water over any good laundry soap and let stand until thoroughly dissolved), then iron with hot flatiron.

To prevent thread from kinking when sewing, thread needle with end cut from spool, then make knot with same end, before sliding needle along the thread.

To prevent thimble from slipping off the finger when sewing wet the ball of thimble finger before putting on the thimble.

Mrs. A. M. B.

### As to Carpets—A New Declaration of Independence.

Why must we, because we live in the country and have rag carpets and soft pine floors, be doomed to carpets covering the entire floor and tacked down so that we must await the convenience of our lords and masters to assist in moving the heavy pieces of furniture before we can do our housecleaning?

I, for one, have rebelled. Every carpet has been cut down to twenty inches from the wall all around the room. This leaves room at the edges for furniture to be moved about and the carpets are now small enough and light enough that I can carry them out and clean them alone.

Some of the floors are painted, some left natural, and so on, as becomes convenient to finish them, and I don't see but that we have been just as warm, and the house has looked just as well, and I am sure it has been much cleaner for the past year under existing conditions than heretofore, and with much less labor.

Not a tack is used anywhere and it takes but a few moments to remove a carpet, wipe the floor with a damp mop, beat the carpet and relay it.

R. E. B.

### Keep Bottoms of Vessels Bright and Clean

When making jelly or anything requiring a quick, hot fire, you may set your vessel next to fire and have no trouble to clean same if you will first pour boiling water on a cake of soap, to soften it, and then rub thoroughly the side of your ironing board as an over bottom of vessel before putting on iron stand. It is as good almost as an fire.



# Home Money Making Methods

## WHAT SOME WOMEN HAVE DONE

By Ella H. Stratton

Editor's Note.—In a letter to the editor, the writer of the following most interesting experiences said: "Since seeing the announcement of the subject for October, I have been interviewing some of my women acquaintances who are earning more or less money and I am sending in the result. All of the enclosed are true and what women I know are doing." It is earnestly hoped that what is here related will prove inspirational, suggestive and helpful to many thousands of other women.]

### Raising Canaries

Bird men tell us that American canaries are not salable, but I have never had any difficulty in disposing of mine. I keep about thirty pairs, in breeding cages with two compartments, with a connecting door. There is a nest in each compartment and, as soon as the female lays in the second nest, the door is closed and the male cares for the young in the first nest until they are large enough to take care of themselves. These young birds are removed to a flight cage before their nest is wanted. In addition to the usual seed and fresh water kept in the dishes. I feed the breeders, as well as the young ones, a mixture of one hard-boiled egg to two rolled crackers, which must always be sweet and fresh, and none left in the cage at night to sour. I keep a cuttle fish bone hanging in the cage and plenty of clean sand, scattered over the tin floor. I sell the males for from two to five dollars each, according to song and color. The females bring from twenty-five to fifty cents, some finely colored ones bringing as high as two dollars. As each pair raises from ten to twenty birds each season, and fully one-half are males, you can reckon the profit. Of course, there are some losses and some birds are not salable, but, taken all around, there is good money in raising canaries.

### Mending

At thirty years of age, I found myself a widow and without any income. I must do something at once to support myself and educate my child. My neighbor's nice tablecloth was badly torn accidentally, and, as darning was one of my accomplishments, I offered to darn it for her. I succeeded so well that I found myself almost immediately in a paying business. I have all the mending I can do, and am engaged weeks ahead generally. The work is no more tiresome than other sewing, but it is a little out of the usual run and the pay is quite good—two dollars per day with board.

### Small Fruit

I have proved that there is a good profit in raising small fruits of all kinds. Strawberries are more care than some other sorts, and it is more work to pick them, but they come first and fill an important place. Raspberries sell best of all in most localities, and the boxes are about half the size of those with strawberries, yet sell at about the same price. Black-

berries do not go as readily, but good ones seldom lack a market. We also make a juice of them, unfermented, which sells as medicine. Cherries, gooseberries, and currants sell well. And then we do not depend upon cultivated fruits entirely. We gather wild grapes, both green and when ripe; we pick the common black and red cherries, huckleberries, and blueberries, and we find a ready market for them all in the city. Last year we tried a few homemade preserves, "the kind that our grandmothers used to make," and we have quite a lot of orders for them this year, but we have not proved the worth of that undertaking yet. This is but one of the ways that a farmer's wife and daughters may have of getting a little pin money.

### Bees for Profit

I find that I can earn considerable money in an interesting and pleasant way. I started with one swarm of pure Italian bees, and now have fifty. I can see that a good living can be made with bees, if one has a liking for the business and room for the hives. Of course the honey pasture in the vicinity must also be considered and provided for. A fair swarm under good conditions will give from fifty to one hundred or more pounds of surplus honey a year. If the section hives are used there is no trouble in controlling the swarming. I find that raising queens for sale is a very profitable branch when one becomes an expert in it, and I am fast learning how to do it. There is always a ready sale for them at from one to five dollars each. Italian bees are more gentle to handle than the common ones, and will gather honey from more sources. For instance, they take honey from red clover, while the native bee only takes it from the white. Although larger, they are more active in gathering their sweet stores as well as more beautiful in their golden color. They are called "the golden bee."

### Cut Flowers

Yes, father left me this business, which I had learned by helping him. My brothers thought that I could not carry it on successfully, but I have done so from the start, and have added the branch of raising cut flowers to the usual routine of furnishing shrubs and plants. I have built two more large greenhouses, and some five hundred feet of cold frames and have a good market for all that I can produce. Last year I cleared a thousand dollars above expenses, and I hope to better that this season. I am my own "boss," independent, and happy.

### Doves and Hens

I started with ten Plymouth Rock hens and six pairs of homer pigeons. Now I have about three hundred laying hens and five hundred pairs of breeding pigeons. I aim for winter eggs, but this necessitates broilers and roasters to sell as well. I have regular markets for my poultry, eggs, and squabs, and am particular to keep everything in first-class shape. I find that it pays, and I am increasing my flocks as fast as I can prudently do so. It is not hard work and there is an independent living in it.

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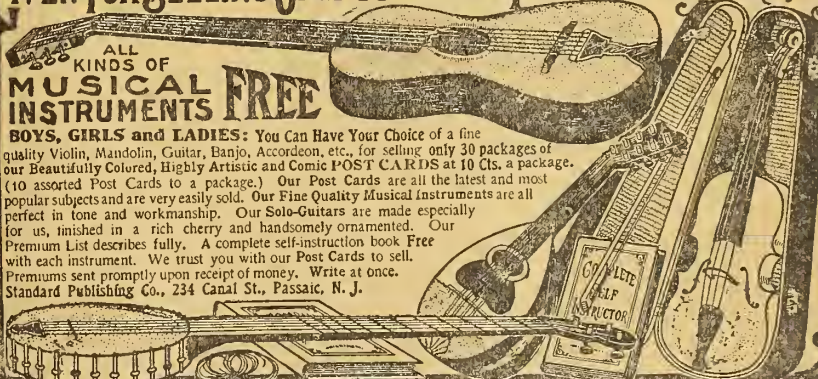
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A-68. Grain and hay farm of 275 a. near Alexandria, Virginia. 20 minutes from Washington. Excellent land, all ditched and well drained. Excellent 12-room dwelling with bath. Frame cottage near dwelling for servants, also 8-room tenant house. Large hay and stock barn, dairy barn with concrete floors, brick spring house, wheat granary and outbuildings. Fields in excellent condition and well prepared for rotation of crops. Dwelling beautifully located on high ground in a 2 a. grove of great oaks with winding drives. Price, \$18,500.

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she made me take such pains, you can't think. I can do that, but—"

"The very thing, my dear," interrupted Miss Prince heartily. "I'd no idea you possessed such an accomplishment as that. Why, I'll find you half a dozen chances at once—myself for one. I don't find half time enough with all my school work, and the other teachers are always complaining. You can have all the Harrison street corps—eight of us—if you can manage so much mending. They'll pay fine prices, too; I'll see to that. Why, this is delightful, Nan. I'll see to it tomorrow, if you really mean it. You are sure you want to undertake it, really?"

"Oh, yes, indeed I do, thank you! I never thought of that being any use. I'll begin any time you like. There'll be time afterwards and all these long evenings this winter."

There was a little half-smothered sigh—these long evenings that she had expected last year to spend so differently!

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## The Realm of Music

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While yet comparatively young, she passed away from the scene of her labors, "taking," says her sister, "unspeakable brightness out of the home she left, and filled the place that knew her no more with mourning." Little is known to the world of her work besides the few stanzas of this beautiful hymn, but wherever the English language is spoken and sung, the words of this gentle disciple have been sung to touch the hearts of thousands. Many a wandering boy and erring girl have heard, through the words of this gospel song, perhaps for the first time, the glad tidings that the Good Shepherd was seeking for them; and that wherever there is a lost sheep on the "mountains, wild and bare," He is ever ready to "go after that which is lost, until he finds it."

This sweet life, hidden away from the gaze of men, like the undying perfume of the lotus-flower, is still borne on the breeze, bringing gladness and benediction far and near; so that she, "being dead, yet speaketh."

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## The Eclipse of the Thorntons

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It was, as Nan had reported, a pretty little house, and Harrison street was by no means the "beastly place" Charley had expected. It was narrow and quiet and in an unfashionable part of the town, away from all their old associations and friends, but it wasn't half bad, after all. The house was rather a tight fit for them all, with the front room upstairs given to Miss Prince, and the back parlor was also the dining-room, but Nan had made it very pretty and cosy, and even comfortable, and they all felt it a point of honor not to be homesick.

But Nan's housekeeping was an anxious point. She was inexperienced, and, even with the faithful Mary's help, it was hard to keep expenses within the limit her mother had been able to allow. And so one day, after they had been settled a month or so, and Miss Prince had become a kind and trusted friend, Nan took her into confidence.

"I want to earn a little money," she said bravely. "I'm trying hard to manage on what mother told me, but everything has gone up so this last month, and Madge and Charley wear out their shoes so fast, and Jacky is almost worse." There was an anxious little note in Nan's voice and a little pucker in her forehead, but Miss Prince's cheery "Well, let us see what we can do!" was encouraging at once.

"It isn't hard, after all, to find something, if you really want it," she went on. "There's always work to be done in the world. The trouble generally is in not knowing how to do it. Now, what can you do, Nan—really well? Anything, small or great?"

"I don't know, Miss Prince," doubtfully. "I'm afraid I don't know anything well enough to teach it. I can play and sing a little, and embroider, and paint—a very little. But they're all nothing. The only thing I can do really well is just to mend, Miss Prince. Grandma Thornton taught me that two years ago when I stayed with her. She's very old-fashioned and says everybody ought to know how to mend—even boys. She tried to make Bob learn, but he wouldn't," she added laughingly. "He said it was girls' business; but

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## The Fruit of Her Hands

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man has a right to express in art and man!  
craft the ideal of his heart, the joy of his soul.

If men and women could be assured of labor to the end, labor under humane conditions, labor assuring a sufficiency and a little leisure—if the famine of today and the fear of tomorrow (twin terrors!) could be lifted from life—how much of the fret and cark of the heart would be smothered out; how much of the despair and grief of the world would be washed away; how much dishonesty, how much drunkenness; how much servility, how much disease, how much suicide would disappear from the ways of

Perhaps no other one thing would do so much to make men and women happy; and to make people happy is to make them good. If the women of America would band together for this one thing—band together to secure to each one the opportunity to make a living—the pitiful army of the unemployed would disappear and the terrible days of enforced idleness would be no more.

The allied women of America could do this thing, for the women of the nation make the public opinion of the nation; and public opinion is the strongest lever in the hand of fate.

## RUCK AND TUCK

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they were not destined to tarry long at Fort Pierre. On account of the unsanitary condition of the buildings, which were also overrun with all sorts of vermin, the government concluded to abandon the post and establish a new fortification higher up the river, midway between Fort Pierre and Fort Rice, to be known as Fort Sully, D. T. The soldiers, who had dreamed of a gay and easy time on the plains, were very much disgusted when, upon arrival at the new location, all soldiers' duty except mounting guard was suspended and the men turned into common every-day laborers. The fort was to be erected on a plateau of considerable height, gently sloping down toward the river. Immense cotton trees and rank vegetation covered these bottom lands, and it was impossible to reach the river except to first cut a road through the dense woods. This was not alone extremely laborious, but also dangerous, on account of the large number of rattlesnakes it harbored.

The men were quartered in small tents, and before long they found out what life on the plains really meant. Winter was fast approaching and when it set in the officers were at their wits' end to keep their men from freezing to death. Every day, even Sunday, at daybreak every available man was sent out in charge of a sergeant or corporal to fell trees, to be hauled to the saw-

mill, cut into logs and lumber used in the erection of the new quarters. Our friends, the Indians, also had moved from Pierre and camped about two miles from the post, on the bottom lands, where they were protected somewhat by the woods from the intense cold and an occasional blizzard, and fed by the government. The boys soon seemed to be on good terms with the wards of the nation. Every spare hour they had was spent among them, and they were liberal in supplying them with eatables, provided they had money to buy these from the sutler.

Soon there was great talk in camp about the change that had been wrought in Sergeant Ruck. The old man, like the rest of the fellows, had in sheer desperation and to forget the hardships of a Dakota winter, spent a great deal of his time in the bottom lands. Although he did not know the Sioux language, he managed to fall head over heels in love with an Indian maiden. "Alter schuetzt for Thorheit nicht" (age is no safeguard against folly) is a German proverb, and a true one, and Ruck, who was certainly old enough to know better, surrendered unconditionally to the charms of Wyona, the daughter of a prominent man in the tribe of the Uncapapas. But his courtship, like true love, did not run smooth.

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## Women in Agriculture

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ly, she takes up the burden of mortgage and debt, with perhaps the additional load of his death-bed and funeral expenses to swell the amount. What if her lips are a little more tightly drawn when the last straw is laid upon her wifely devotion by the methodically drawn will that plainly states the grudging amount she is to receive so long as she remains a widow? She has no time for tears or resentment, but valiantly shoulders the cross and sets out to fulfill her life's mission. In every state may be found many such women, who have not only succeeded in canceling both mortgage and debt, but have also provided means for a superior education for the children who were left dependent upon their efforts for support.

And last, but by no means least, on our honor roll, for she outranks them all, standing from time immemorial in the very vanguard of agricultural progression, the farm woman, who unassumingly and without thought or wish for public recognition, joyfully takes her place beside the man whom she has pledged to love and honor, bending every energy of supporting influence and endeavor towards an ultimate success. This is the real one who should be rightfully extolled by the sweetest sentiment of a world-wide gratitude and admiration; whose hair has whitened and whose sinews have weakened in a lifelong struggle for the advancement of her husband's calling and the betterment of her loved ones—the cheerful

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## Vick's Individuality

Vick's Magazine has an individuality all its own, and by its unusual but well advised policy of giving to each succeeding issue a special theme of its own, every number will also have an individuality of its own. Hence our readers can confidently look forward to a constant succession of delightful surprises in the way of pleasing and constantly improving issues. The spirit and high character of the great man by whom this magazine was founded, James Vick, will permeate every issue, and no effort will be spared to make Vick's Magazine a fitting memorial of this great and good man. This can be done in no better way than by emphasizing the exceeding value of the civilizing and humanizing industry of which he is universally conceded to have been the great pioneer. The influence for good of floral and plant culture upon home life cannot be overestimated, hence the floral and plant flavor will pervade the pages of this publication, but this will be strictly a flavor and not the substance. Flowers and plants are the most beautiful things we know in the whole realm of nature, also among the most useful, but they are chiefly interesting only as they are related to human need, welfare and happiness. Truly, flowers are for folks and folks are not in this world for the sake of flowers. Beyond all question, the most beautiful flowers that bloom in the garden of the Lord are those that grow on human plants, the graces of a well-developed body, a cultured mind and a noble heart.

The chief aim of this magazine is to show how these graces of human nature may best be cultivated, not by preaching, prating, or long-drawn-out moralizing, but by giving in cheery and breezy narrative, story, and verse, interesting exhibits of good things that have been done in cultivation of these most desirable graces. In achieving this aim our method will be positive, not negative. Hence we will devote but little attention, comparatively, in pointing out and enlarging upon the weaknesses, shortcomings, foibles and frailties of mankind, but rather in seeking first and foremost to foster the production of a constantly increasing number of human

plants that shall bear an abundance of beautiful flowers and good fruit, by magnifying the good wherever found.

## Vick's Magazine: a Periodical of Progress

Vick's Magazine has been and is today pre-eminently the magazine for the home, where exists a love of nature as revealed in flowers, plants, vines, and trees, as seen in conservatory, garden, farm, and God's "great-out-of-doors." As the love of these things is by no means confined to rural sections, so also the widely extended circulation of Vick's Magazine is not limited to the country, but reaches also to the towns, villages, and cities of the land, whither it carries the rich fragrance and vivifying air of forest, vale, and mountain. Every truly progressive movement anywhere on earth, making for the advancement of human happiness and welfare, has in Vick's Magazine an ardent friend and supporter. Instead of taking the muck-rake and prowling through dismal swamps and morasses in search of earth's far too many ills, Vick's Magazine will transform the muck-rake into a gem-rake. This will be employed most industriously in searching for the real jewels that lie beneath the rubbish of sordidness that cumbers the earth, in removing that rubbish and in helping to extract from the rich mine of human worth and bringing to view the gems "of purest ray serene" that might otherwise remain forever hidden. Never before in the world's history were so many really good things being done as now by individuals, organizations, institutions, and great business concerns. Every succeeding issue of Vick's Magazine will be a special number devoted to some phase of positive, constructive, progressive human welfare development, and will be replete with the latest and best in thought and achievement on the subject treated. Thus the October number has for its theme "Woman's Worth and Work." Among other interesting number themes for issues during the coming year will be "The Enjoyable Farm Home," "Christmas 'Round the World," "The Orchard Bountiful," "The Home Garden," "Railway Welfare Work," "The Country Beautiful," "The Woman's Club Movement."

## The Center of Interest

in all well directed endeavor for the advancement of human welfare is the

home circle. Hence that circle, its needs and its weal, will be constantly kept in view as the true center from which all other efforts for social betterment must radiate and to which all such efforts should directly or indirectly relate. Hence no effort will be spared to make the household departments thoroughly practical, intensely interesting, wholesome, and helpful.

## Not Every One Can Live in California

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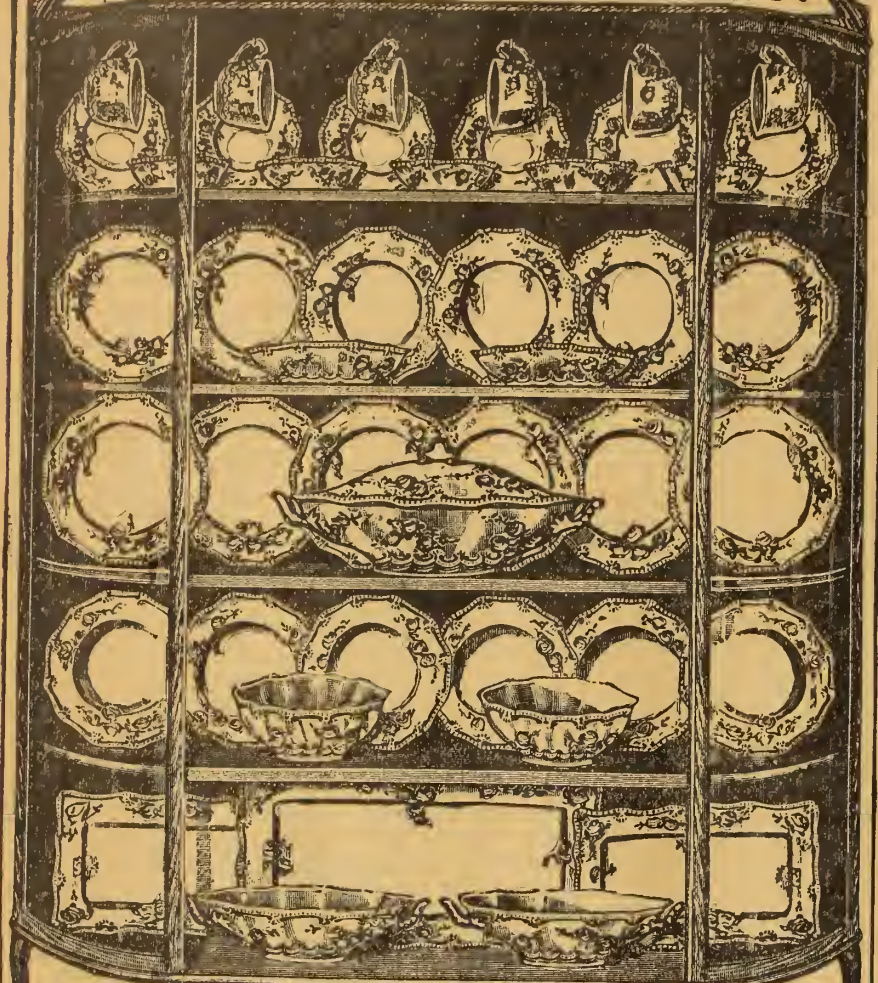
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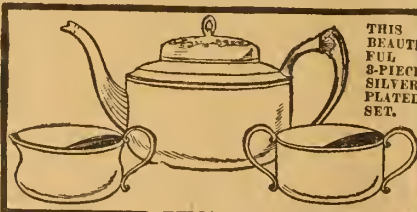
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## FLORAL QUESTION BOX

Edited by Eben E. Rexford

Evening Primrose—"Will this year's the soil does not exactly suit it. But seedlings of evening primrose bloom this season?" (Mrs. G. D. H.)

Not if your plants are of the perennial variety, as I infer they are by what you say.

Ants on the Lawn—"What can I do to get rid of ants on the lawn? I tried hot water and kerosene, but they moved to another place and seemed to thrive better than before." (W. B. D.)

I know of nothing that will rout ants and keep them away. By the use of hot water, kerosene, borax infusion, and things of a similar nature they can be driven from one locality to another, but they cannot be gotten rid of in this way. About the only thing that can be done is to keep them on the run. That will prevent them from doing as much damage as they would if let alone.

Cement Walks—"We are completing a new home. Would like a cement walk from road to house. Can you tell us how to make a satisfactory one?" (W. K. H.)

I can tell you how cement walks are being made in this part of the country. Our street commissioners are laying them in the principal streets of the village in which I live, and I have observed the process quite closely of late. They excavate the soil where the walk is to be to the depth of about eight inches. Then they set up plank along the edge of the excavation, fastening these firmly in place by stakes driven into the ground on the outside of the plank. Then they fill in with six inches of concrete made by mixing gravel or crushed stone with sand and cement. Proportions, two parts gravel or stone, two parts sand and one part Portland cement. Put these materials together in the dry and mix well. Then add enough water to make the mass moist enough to work easily. When this is dumped into the excavation tamp it down solidly by the application of an iron roller, or by pounding it well. Then finish off the walk with a mixture of sand and cement. The sand for this upper or surface layer should be sifted to remove all small stones. Use half sand and half cement. Make it quite soft—so soft, in fact, that it will almost run. Spread this over the concrete until it is even with the plank. Before it begins to set run a straight-edge along the plank to level it. Smooth with mason's trowel. Shade it from the sun to prevent it from drying out too rapidly. If this cannot be done keep it well sprinkled for three or four days. Walks made in this way are perfectly satisfactory with us, and they are apparently good for all time to come, as they become hard as stone when dry.

Amaryllis Failing to Grow—"I set out an amaryllis early in the spring. It has given not the least signs of growth, but the tops of the bulb look green and plump. What's the matter?" (Mrs. J. McR.)

The amaryllis often refuses to grow for months at a time. Probably because

frequently growth begins all of a sudden, and you are surprised at its luxuriant production of foliage. In such a case as this the bulb has doubtless been making root growth and, after becoming thoroughly established, top growth will doubtless result. If your bulb looks plump and feels firm to the touch, possess your soul in patience and let the plant take its time.

Lilies for the South—"I want several hardy lilies. Please give proper season for planting, with list of half dozen of the best." (Mrs. R.)

Plant as early as possible in fall. I would advise *L. Auratum*, *Speciosum*, *Rubra*, *Alba* and *Lancifolium*, *Longiflorum* and *Ligium splendens*.

Roses, etc.—"Where can I procure the best roses for amateur use? Do you have any for sale? Do you publish any books on floriculture? Has the present Vick's Magazine anything to do with the Rochester Vick, who used to publish a magazine devoted to flower growing?" (W. W.)

Any of the large firms like H. A. Dreer, Philadelphia; Henderson, New York; Manning, Massachusetts, and dozens of others can furnish all varieties of roses worth growing. I have none for sale. All the plants I grow are grown for my own pleasure and for experimental purposes. I have two books on flower growing, "Home Floriculture" and "Flowers—How to Grow Them."

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Poison Oak and Poison Ivy—"How can one tell poison ivy or poison oak?" (E. J. W.)

Poison ivy has a three-parted leaf. Ampelopsis, or Virginia creeper, for which it is often mistaken, has a five-parted leaf. The latter is a true vine. The ivy is of half-vining habit, but seldom grows to a greater height than four or five feet. It can always be told by its three-parted leaf. Poison oak is often known as poison sumach, because of the resemblance of its leaves to the sumach. It is of shrubby nature and bears quantities of greenish white berries. It is seldom found growing on high land. But poison ivy flourishes everywhere. Mowing it simply causes it to spread by underground suckers. But if mowed and sprinkled with kerosene, and the ground is then burned over, it may be gotten rid of without much trouble. Use plenty of kerosene.



## Womanly Ways of Earning Money

(Concluded from page four)

makes no difference whether it is skilled or unskilled labor, the home-worker as a competitor with the factory operative labors under a great disadvantage. However, you must remember that these are not questions for you to bother your head about now. You want work that you can do at home and you must find it.

You seek this kind of employment because of some invalid you must support, or perhaps small children you cannot leave, or it may be you are a partial invalid yourself. The question is, "What can you do, right now, to bring in any money at all?" In turning "every which way," as you are going to do, you will hear of many channels through which one can make a living without competing with factory work. But should you personally be forced by circumstances to do "piece-work" sent out from these great manufacturing establishments, it is well to be grateful that you get it at any price. Something is always better than nothing, until you can place yourself in a position to demand what you ought to have.

If you live in a city, scan the daily papers for ideas. Watch advertisements. You may find exactly what you want, or something you read may suggest to you something that you might never have thought of, but for what you saw in the paper. If you live in the country, then ask some friend who does live in the city to send you the advertising sheets of several of the Sunday papers. Should you have no city friends, then save up pennies and send stamps to the editors of several dailies asking that the Sunday editions be sent you. Get business directories of nearby cities and look them through. If you have wares to sell, in this way you may find where to write, or go, in regard to them. Ask as many questions as you can, and write everywhere that you think there is the slightest hope of creating a demand for your particular work.

### What Women Are Doing

Woman is furnishing more than half of our magazine fiction, perhaps because her imagination is more active than man's; perhaps because most of the magazine readers are women, and she caters to their limitations more accurately than man can. She is doing more than half of the retail selling of goods. She is fast monopolizing teaching, except in collegiate branches, for both sexes. She is becoming a real influence in the world of medicine, and is invading other professions very freely. She rivals the deft Chinaman in laundry work; she fills up the factories where shirt waists and collars and cuffs are made; she makes all the feather work and artificial flower work turned out in America; and in stenography she has almost driven the man from the field.

### Queer Occupations

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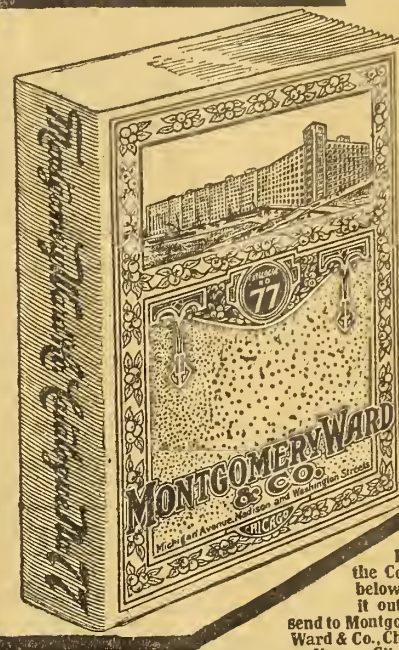
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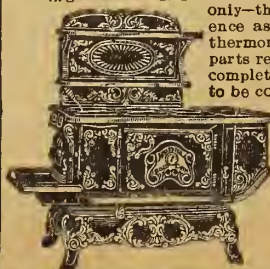
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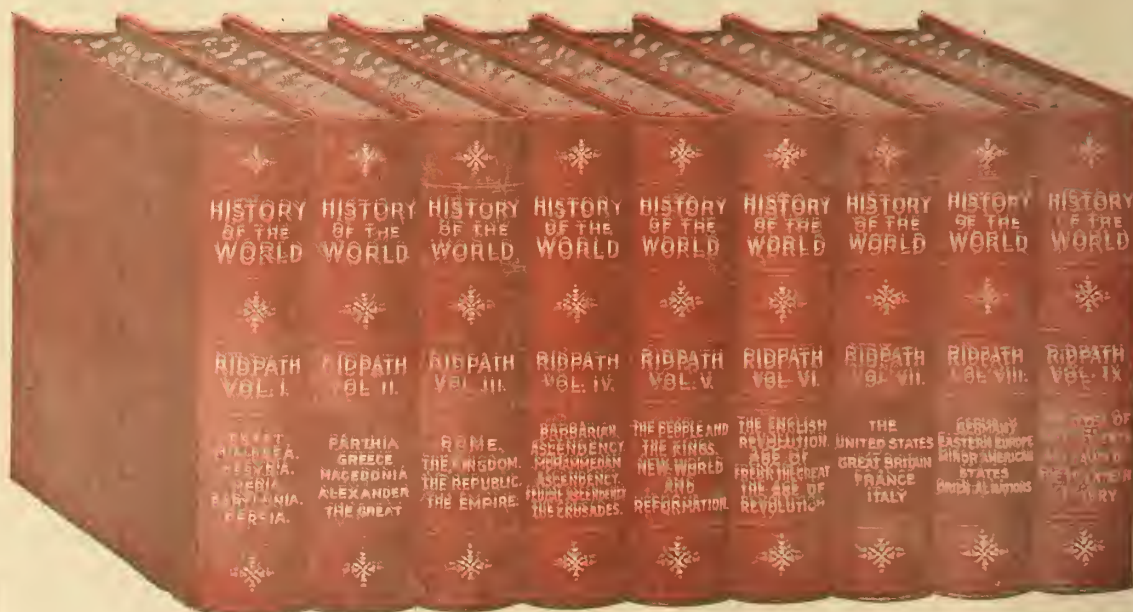
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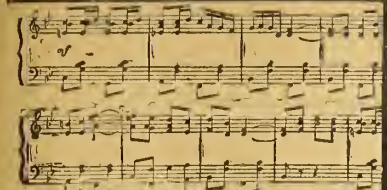
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THE beautifully embellished title page of the November Vick's presents a most exquisite prose poem from the facile pen of Miss Clara Morris, the world-famed actress-author. Her beauteous "Ruth" will live in literature as one of the most eloquent tributes ever paid to that heroine of the most fascinating Bible romance ever told. This charming article by Miss Morris is

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### REV. DR. EDWARD EVERETT HALE

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Will be the theme of Vick's December issue, which will prove a most worthy successor to our "Enjoyable Farm Home" number. On the title page will appear a beautifully illustrated Christmas Symphony, written by one of the nation's most distinguished orators. The name of the author cannot yet be announced, but our patrons may rest assured that he will be a person known 'round the world. Another most pleasing feature of the Christmas number will be an interesting symposium, consisting of short articles by well-known travelers, missionaries, and other able writers, describing how Christmas is observed in various lands and climes. This issue will also contain a vivid description of Bethlehem of Judea, where Christmas day first dawned, as seen a few years before his death by

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## RUTH

BY  
CLARA MORRIS

bitterness in her grief, and her lips are pressed hard to keep back lamentation and wild cries—since she, a widow, has lost both her sons, and now, stricken with sorrow, takes her sad way back to her own land from which famine had driven her years before. But by her side stand two Moabitish women, both young, both widowed, since they were the wives of Naomi's dead sons. Both are tearful, both have followed so far the mother-in-law whom they love. But she has entreated them to return, each to her mother, till they may find rest in a husband's home. And one, a little too full and loose of lip, somewhat wavering of eye, hesitates, while the other, supple, straight, and strong, hesitates not at all. Her veil falls away undraped, almost to her feet. She weeps, but with her head well up and resolution stamped upon every feature of her beautiful young face, whose flashing eyes and rich coloring of lip and cheeks makes her look like a damask rose. And so we recognize these women at once, "for Orpha kissed her mother-in-law (and left her), but Ruth clave to her."

It was a wonderful proof of devotion to leave her own people, her gods, her country, to follow and serve the mother of her dead husband. What a story of homely, happy family life is suggested by Naomi's words to her daughters-in-law! "The Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead and me!" Ruth must have loved her young husband passionately indeed, to feel so tender an affection for the woman who bore him. So they journeyed together back to Bethlehem, Naomi's old home, where she cried out to the pitying friends of other days, "Call me not Naomi, but Mara, for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full and the Lord hath brought me back empty."

Poor Naomi was forgetting for the moment the lovely daughter who had followed her, and who, finding that the barley harvest was beginning, went forth to glean in the fields, that she and Naomi might have some grain to parch and eat. It is very easy to sit in a cushioned seat and read of gleaning; but try it for just fifteen little minutes. Crouch or kneel in the open field beneath the blazing sun. Reach out and gather from the stubble with smarting, wounded fingers the few scattered heads of grain the reapers have left in their wake, and after that you will better appreciate Ruth's labor in the field of Naomi's mighty kinsman, Boaz—better appreciate the quality of the beauty that could survive under such circumstances, and in a crowd of damsels at once attract the eye of the master, coming to overlook the harvesting. And what a pretty touch of sentiment is in that order of Boaz's, to his young men reapers: "Let her glean even among the sheaves and reproach her not, and let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, that she may glean them."

He cautioned her, too, against going to any other field than his, and advised her to keep close to his damsels as she worked. So when the day was over, Ruth beat out the grain from her gleaning, and, tying it in an end of drapery, returned, weary but triumphant, to the city and Naomi.

And when the latter had learned that chance had led Ruth into the field of Boaz, her powerful kinsman, who had taken knowledge of the stranger, too, the match-making spirit awoke in her and a great hope sprang up in her heart. And when Boaz has taken lovely Ruth to wife, what a moment came to Naomi! when, with towering pride and exquisite tenderness, she lays in her own bereft bosom that tiny Obed, who is Ruth's son, and proclaims herself his nurse! Obed, of whom the neighbors say to Naomi: "He shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life and a nourisher of thine old age, for thy daughter-in-law, which loveth thee—which is better to thee than seven sons—hath borne him!"

HEY are so sweet, so tender, and so grave—these women of the East. There is a thrill of magic in their very names. True, the Holy Mother, isolated by her glory and her grief, is too sacred to approach—save on our knees, but the other Marys—Martha, Ruth, Naomi, Esther,—and the rest, truly they form a gracious and lovely group.

"No, I do not love them,—they are too far away!" a young lass petulantly cried to me.

"Ah!" I said, "you must go to them, approach them gently and with reverence. You may not rise in the busy marts of men today and call upon them loudly to stand forth! they will not obey. They were creatures who sought the shadows of the gateways, the colonnades,

the vines; women who walked veiled and were ever silent in public places. Therefore, seek you the shadows, too, and in some quiet place call upon them with tender insistence; and these dear Bible women will raise their broad lids heavy with dark lashes, and on their grave lips may dawn the slow, mysterious smile, the riddle of whose meaning each of us must solve—as conscious power, patient grief, or tender love. Before long each woman will develop a personality, and we will feel as sure of the haughty and imperial loveliness of Esther as we are of the sunburned, Hebe beauty of Ruth, or the willowy, wide-eyed Mary, sister of that active anxious Martha, who was so tenderly rebuked by the blessed Master."

"For whither thou goest, I will go, and where thou lodgest, I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people and thy god my god."

If reaching us across the ages and through the cold medium of type, these words still have power to move the heart, what must have been their effect when they sprang warmly from the loyal heart and lovely lips of that fair Ruth—most human and most approachable of all Bible women?

"The Lord do so to me and more also, if aught but death part thee and me." And these world-moving protestations were not addressed to a lover or a husband, but to an old and sorrowing woman. Can you not see the group standing outside the walls, by the dusty roadside? Naomi, tall and lean and strong, gray hair banding her care-lined forehead, a burning light in her fierce dark eyes, for there is



# Improvement of Conditions Affecting Country Life

BY PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT

THERE is but one person whose welfare is as vital to the welfare of the whole country as that of the wage-worker who does manual labor, and that is the tiller of the soil—the farmer. If there is one lesson taught by history it is that the permanent greatness of any state must ultimately depend more upon the character of its country population than upon anything else. No growth of cities, no growth of wealth, can make up for a loss in either the number or the character of the farming population. In the United States more than in almost any other country we should realize this and should prize our country population. When this nation began its independent existence it was a nation of farmers. The towns were small and were for the most part mere sea-coast trading and fishing ports. The chief industry of the country was agriculture, and the ordinary citizen was in some way connected with it. In every great crisis of the past a peculiar dependence has had to be placed upon the farming population, and this dependence has hitherto been justified. But it cannot be justified in the future if agriculture is permitted to sink in the scale as compared with other employments. We cannot afford to lose that pre-eminently typical American, the farmer who owns his own farm.

## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FACTORS AFFECTING RURAL POPULATIONS.

Yet it would be idle to deny that in the last half century there has been in the eastern half of our country a falling off in the relative condition of the tillers of the soil, although signs are multiplying that the nation has waked up to the danger and is preparing to grapple effectively with it. East of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and the Potomac there has been on the whole an actual shrinkage of this section of the farming population since the civil war. In the states of this section there has been a growth of population—in some an enormous growth—but the growth has taken place in the cities, and especially in the larger cities. This has been due to certain economic factors, such as the extension of railroads, the development of machinery, and the openings for industrial success afforded by the unprecedented growth of cities. The increased facility of communication has resulted in the withdrawal from rural communities of most of the small, widely distributed manufacturing and commercial operations of former times, and the substitution thereof of the centralized commercial and manufacturing industries of the cities.

The chief offset to the various tendencies which have told against the farm has hitherto come in the rise of the physical sciences and their application to agricultural practices or to the rendering of country conditions more easy and pleasant. But these contravening forces are as yet in their infancy. As compared with a few decades ago, the social or community life of country people in the East compares less well than it formerly did with that of the dwellers in cities. Many country communities have lost their social coherence, their sense of community interest. In such communities the country church, for instance, has gone backward both as a social and a religious factor. Now, we cannot too strongly insist upon the fact that it is quite as unfortunate to have any social, as any economic falling off. It would be a calamity to have our farms occupied by a lower type of people than the hard-working, self-respecting, independent



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

and essentially manly men and working women who have hitherto constituted the most typically American, and on the whole the most valuable element in our entire nation. Ambitious native-born young men and women who now tend away from the farm must be brought back to it, and therefore they must have social, as well as economic opportunities. Everything should be done to encourage the growth in the open farming country of such institutional and social movements as will meet the demand of the best type of farmers. There should be libraries, assembly halls, social organizations of all kinds. The school building and the teacher in the school building should, throughout the country districts, be of the very highest type, able to fit the boys and girls not merely to live in but thoroughly to enjoy and make the most of the country. The country church must be revived. All kinds of agencies, from rural free delivery to the bicycle and the telephone, should be utilized to the utmost; good roads should be favored; everything should be done to make it easier for the farmer to lead the most active and effective intellectual, political, and economic life.

There are regions of large extent where all this, or most of this, has already been realized; and while this is perhaps especially true of great tracts of farming country west of the Mississippi, with some of which I have a fairly intimate personal knowledge, it is no less true of other great tracts of country east of the Mississippi. In these regions the church and the school flourish as never before; there is a more successful and more varied farming

industry; the social advantages and opportunities are greater than ever before; life is fuller, happier, more useful, and though the work is more effective than ever, and in a way quite as hard, it is carried on so as to give more scope for well-used leisure. My plea is that we shall all try to make more nearly universal the conditions that now obtain in the most favored localities.

## CONDITIONS IMPROVING.

It is true that agriculture in the United States has reached a very high level of prosperity; but we can not afford to disregard the signs which teach us that there are influences operating against the establishment or retention of our country life upon a really sound basis. The overextensive and wasteful cultivation of pioneer days must stop and give place to a more economical system. Not only the physical but the ethical needs of the people of the country districts must be considered. In our country life there must be social and intellectual advantages as well as a fair standard of physical comfort. There must be in the country, as in the town, a multiplication of movements for intellectual advancement and social betterment. We must try to raise the average of farm life, and also try to develop it so that it shall offer exceptional chances for the exceptional man.

## A WORD REGARDING THE FARMER'S FAMILY.

And most important of all, I want to say a special word on behalf of the one who is too often the very hardest worked laborer on the farm—the farmer's wife. Reform, like charity, while it should not end at home, should certainly begin there; and the man, whether he lives on a farm or in town, who is anxious to see better social and economic conditions prevail throughout the country at large, should be exceedingly careful that they prevail first as regards his own womankind. I emphatically believe that for the great majority of women the really indispensable industry in which they should engage is the industry of the home. There are exceptions, of course; but exactly as the first duty of the normal man is the duty of being the home-maker, so the first duty of the normal woman is to be the home-keeper; and exactly as no other learning is as important for the average man as the learning which will teach him how to make his livelihood, so no other learning is as important for the average woman as the learning which will make her a good housewife and mother.

The best crop is the crop of children; the best products of the farm are the men and women raised thereon; and the most instructive and practical treatises on farming, necessary though they be, are no more necessary than the books which teach us our duty to our neighbor, and above all to the neighbor who is of our own household.

No outside training, no co-operation, no government aid or direction can take the place of a strong and upright character; of goodness of heart combined with clearness of head, and that strength and toughness of fiber necessary to bring success from a rough workaday world. Nothing outside of home can take the place of home. The school is an invaluable adjunct to the home, but it is a wretched substitute for it. The family relation is the most fundamental, the most important of all relations. No leader in church or state, in science or art or industry, however great his achievement, does work which compares in importance with that of the father and the mother, "who are the first of sovereigns and the most divine of priests."





# Homes of Rural America

By BURRITT HAMILTON



MOUNT VERNON and Monticello have contributed lasting dignity to the tillage of the soil. Horace Greeley and Will Carleton have given American agriculture a literature of its own. Even in the North, the progressive American farmer raises two crops each year. One crop he sows in the fields; the other he sows by the fireside. One crop he reaps in summer and fall; the other in the eternal future. The peach blossoms fade, the red clover turns to dingy brown, the buckwheat bows before the frost; but the everlasting flowers of the mind are perennial.

Of course, the house part of the American home varies in architecture from Doric to dugout, but the average rural home is large enough to hold hospitable hearts. The type is a plain frame structure, having green outside blinds, and often painted white. The two-story "upright," with the single-story "lean-to," seems to prevail. The form is of little consequence. The front yard is large enough so that the children have no need to climb to the roof of the house to get sunburned. The garden behind the house is of sufficient size to maintain onions, beets, lettuce, sweet-corn, popcorn, tomatoes, beds of asters, dill, asparagus, and an occasional cat fight. Beside the garden is the poultry-yard, where the crowing, feathered weather-prophet speculates on the proximity of chicken haws and storms. I will not enter upon the details of the unsanitary pig-sty, except to suggest that there is usually room for more pigs and much improvement.

Off to one side is the horse-barn, and some short-sighted husbandmen spend more money for one horse than for the comfort of their wives or the education of their children. No wonder that, to borrow an illustration from Lincoln, such men as

these "cover their building with lightning-rods to protect their guilty souls from the wrath of an angry God."

Cow-sheds, usually adjacent to the barn, are of as many shapes, colors, and conditions of depravity as are the cows themselves. There is the sway-backed cow-shed, the rib-exposing cow-shed, the bob-tailed cow-shed, and the cow-shed that needs the delicate service of the curry-comb. No wonder that cows sometimes become outlaws, and jump the garden fence for a delicious taste of onions.

A farmer who is progressive enough to keep sheep is usually conscientious enough to maintain a decent place for them. There seems to be an elevating influence about a sheep, not possessed by pigs or cows. It may arise from Scriptural associations; it may arise from the price of wool.

It seems proper to mention all these outbuildings, for they are usually noticeable, in one way and another, from the house. In fact, in the case of a few farmers, who are a disgrace to their calling from an ethical standpoint, the outbuildings are made the central feature of the home.

The successful farmer of today is a business man, not a "hayseed;" he knows more than ninety-nine per cent of the lawyers, although he does not pretend to. In his home there are the usual conveniences of modern life. Like the late Governor Luce, of Michigan, he builds a bath-room, and then arranges the rest of the house around it. In the lives of his children there is time for pleasure, culture, and romance.

Romance? Yes, in a mild form. You see, in the particular case in point, the dinner-bell was to blame. Had it not rung, twenty men would not have ceased work simultaneously; the thresher engine would not have set up its demoniac noontime shriek; the strip-faced Clydesdale would not have attempted to combine the inconsistent vocations of draft-horse and ballet-dancer; the boyish driver

would have had no occasion to seem like Alexander conquering Bucephalus. But the bell spoke, the whistle answered, the horse reared, and, to the fresh little gingham-gowned girl standing behind the porch-shading morning-glories, the driver became a classic. It mattered not that his uniform was blue jeans—did not many of the classics wear even less fastidious clothing?

The hungry threshers trooped to the horse-trough, where, by the aid of water and towels, they removed at least one thickness of dust; then, responding to the deacon's "Come on, boys," followed him into the spacious dining-room of the great square farm-house.

The table was characteristic of its class; for, be it known, in threshing time the housewife, usually assisted by neighbors, seeks to acquire fame for her culinary skill. The table could hardly be called a work of art, yet there were flowers, bouquets of larkspur, petunias, marigolds, and blume-like asparagus. The only bouquet that the hungry hands noticed especially was the bouquet of celery. There were substantial dishes in abundance, platters of roasted beef, century-old blue china dishes, heaped with boiled ham; tureens of gravy; dishes of steaming sweet-corn; snow-capped mountains of mashed potato, with a miniature avalanche of golden butter coasting down its precipitous side; bread, home made and worth eating; crisp cookies, freckled with English currants; pumpkin pie, with filling two inches in thickness; doughnuts, rolled in fine sugar until they resembled the pearly knobs of the gates of paradise; frosted cake, peaches, plums, grapes, pears—all fresh and sweet and unornamented by the flies that dwell in the kitchens of city restaurants.

Among others, the conqueror of the recent Bucephalus shuffled into the room. He was an awkward one-hundred-and-eighty-pounder, a member of the church choir, and a graduate of the district  
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## Rural Free Delivery

By J. B. COURSEN

IT is doubtful if any other one betterment effecting social life in rural communities has done so much to improve conditions there existing as has the establishment by the United States government of the rural free delivery. In compliance with legislation a short time before, the work of establishing rural delivery routes was begun under the second administration of President Grover Cleveland during the closing months of 1896 and the first two months of 1897. This service was first established as an experiment and was continued as such by the express terms of the appropriations made by Congress for its support until the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1902. By the terms of the postoffice appropriation act of that year it was formally adopted as a permanent feature of the post-office department.

The wise action of Congress in thus making rural delivery permanent was enacted during the winter of 1901-2, and was based upon the workings of the system during the preceding five years; and no doubt the report on this subject of Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, issued November 25, 1901, had much to do in bringing about the favorable legislation that followed. In said report he outlined the advantages of rural free delivery thus convincingly:

"The policy of rural delivery is no longer a subject of serious dispute. It has unmistakably vindicated itself by its fruits. If the financial results are still undetermined and require greater experience and more complete data before a conclusive judgment can be pronounced, the practical benefits and the popular appreciation and demands have been de-

cisively demonstrated. It has been made plain that this service is a potent educational force; that it brings agricultural life into far closer relations with the active business world; that it keeps the farmer in daily touch with markets and prices; that it advances general intelligence through the increased circulation of legitimate journals and periodicals, stimulates correspondence, quickens all interchanges, promotes good roads, enhances farm values, makes farm life less isolated and more attractive, and unites with other wholesome influences in checking and changing the hitherto prevailing current from country to city. The national value of these advantages is incalculable. They are not theoretical, but real, direct, and immediate. In diffusing them the beneficent agency of the government is brought into the daily presence and thought of the people. A service which has within three years wrought such a great improvement in the conditions of rural life cannot be halted. It must go on until it shall be fully completed.

"A closer consideration of the material interests involved enforces this conclusion. On an average there are 125 families on a route. Under the old system they traveled from two to four miles in going to the postoffice. If the cost in time and other factors be reckoned at 10 cents a day for each family, it is clearly a moderate estimate. That made an aggregate of \$12.50 a day. The government can deliver the mail at the doors of all for \$2. Why shouldn't it do so and save them the larger burden? Extend the calculation to the whole country. There are about 4,000,000 families dependent on the rural service. The aggregate cost to them of going to the postoffice reaches an enormous sum. The gov-

ernment can carry the postoffice to them for a fraction of the amount. Under such circumstances the claim to the service becomes irresistible. It is the business of the government to deliver the mails as far as practicable. The apprehended obstacles to rural delivery have largely vanished with actual experience, and the manifest advantages, now clearly shown, urge the full development of the policy."

It is putting the case mildly to state that the growth of rural delivery has been phenomenal. During the first fiscal year this system was partially in operation, eighty-three carriers were employed and \$14,840 was expended, though Congress had provided \$40,000 for this purpose. The next year 148 men were employed and \$50,241 expended. Since then the extension of this service has gone forward by leaps and bounds, until, according to the last annual report of the postmaster general, it shows that a splendid army of 37,582 men are engaged in the rural delivery service, and that the last annual appropriation for this service was the princely sum of \$28,350,000.

In a recent report the superintendent of the rural free delivery pays this splendid and well merited tribute to the rural carriers of the country:

"As a class there are no more faithful employees in the government service than the great army of rural carriers. They perform their duties with great fidelity, sometimes under most trying circumstances, especially during the seasons of the year when the weather is severe and in sections where the roads are poor and the country is rough. The total separations from the rural service for cause constitute less than one-half of 1 per cent of the force. This record excels that of any branch of our postal service, and it is one of which the rural carriers may feel justly proud."



# THANKSGIVING

## AT THE HORNACRES



by EDWARD EVERETT HALE



YOU do not know the Hornacres? So much the worse for you. Perhaps, if they should find you very lonely in dear old Boston, on the fourth Wednesday in November next year, they would ask you to their Thanksgiving. They would certainly, if you were a cousin, and that means, if you have one of one hundred and twenty-eight good Mayflower names, or Bay names.

You do not know what a Bay name is? Why, a Bay name is a name of one of the forty thousand people who

came over between 1628 and 1640, and landed in Massachusetts bay.

Now do not interrupt again. We do not get on at all.

Dinner—the Thanksgiving dinner was nearly over. The turkeys had been eaten, in part, and the chicken pies, and the Marlboro pies, and the mince pies, and the squash pies, and the nuts and raisins and oranges and grapes and bananas had all been eaten in part, though enough was left for tomorrow. And the children, at their table, set in the large parlor, which opens into the dining-room by a folding-door, had answered the questions old Dr. Hornacre put, as to their genealogy.

"Walter, who is your father and who is your mother?"

Walter (answering): My father is John Hornacre, and my mother was Alice Ingham."

Grandpapa: "Alice, who was Alice Ingham's father?"

Florence: "He was Edward Throop Ingham."

Grandpapa: "James, who was her mother?"

James: "She was Mary Stilling Brown."

And so on and on, till all in both rooms, at both tables, were screaming and laughing and contradicting and replying together, when Grandfather Hornacre said:

"William, who was Alice Ingham's mother's father's mother's father's mother?" And William, who "knew no more nor the dead," replied:

"She was the Lady Jane Grey, youngest daughter of Queen Elizabeth and William the Conqueror."

Then Mrs. Pierpont Hornacre, at whose house this feast took place, rose and said:

"Grandpapa, I shall fine you for making such a row. All come into the blue parlor, and grandpapa or great-grandpapa shall tell us all how he first met your grandmamma. They must tell it so that Polly there may tell it to her grandchildren in the year 2001."

And we all went into the blue parlor.

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Grandpapa is really very modest. And all he would say at first was that they all knew the story. And it proved that only a part of the second generation knew it and that they probably knew it wrong. Then he warmed a little toward compliance, though he said, to the great amusement of the rest, that he hated to talk about himself so much. But he did add, as if by accident, that all this happened because he was carrying out on one particular Thanksgiving his own custom.

"What was the custom, grandpapa, what was the custom?"

"You had better ask what is the custom," said grandpapa. "I had held to it seven years, and I shall hold to it sixty more."

"What is the custom, then?" said Lucy.

"Not to ask them who their grandfathers were, no, not to act charades or dance the Virginia Reel. Listen if you want to hear."

"The dumb man's burdens still increase," muttered Hugh, who had been raging inwardly at these interruptions.

Dr. Hornacre went on: "Two little folks joined in. It takes two to make the custom. These were fresh from the County Clare, and if I had asked who their grandfather was, they would have said, 'We came straight from Brian Bo-roihme.'"

"Well, what was the custom? Grandpapa," said Cuthbert, "I believe you want to get away from it."

Grandpapa looked conscious, but he went boldly on. "I was 25 years old," said he. "It was seven years since I came to Boston, and I began the custom the very year I came. You see I lived in a little hall bedroom at Miss Willoughby's, and I had not been a week in Boston when Thanksgiving came. It did seem a little hard that first week. At home I was the fifth of nine children, that happy place in a family, where you can 'tag arter' the first four and do all the errands for the last four. And here in Boston where I knew nobody but the office people, I had not even the office to go to, when Thanksgiving came. Miss Willoughby had no other lodger, and they told me that in the cooler I should find a cold chicken and a Marlboro pie. That was pretty hard for my first Thanksgiving away from home. They all went—all the Willoughbys—to Billerica for theirs.

"Then it was the 'custom' began. I went to walk. And as I went through the main street, there was a little fellow looking in at Fairbank's window. It was just after Harrison's election, and here was a red log-cabin, which would take to pieces. I asked the little fellow why he did not go in. 'Hain't got no money,' he said. All the same I took him in. I bought the log-cabin and told him to take it home and to remember it was Thanksgiving day. And the

glory and joy with which he lugged it off—well, I did not forget them."

"Did he thank you, grandpapa?"

"Well, my dear, perhaps the thanks which can find no words. But for that I did not care. I was sure that he was glad somehow."

Owen was wild to know how it was Harrison's election, it could have been fifty years ago. But Cuthbert punched him, and said something about "Tippecanoe and Tyler too," and the others hushed them both, and begged grandpapa to go on.

"I wished he had stayed longer. He looked so like my little Nathan at home that all I wanted was to see his eyes open wide. But he ran away. All the same the 'custom' continued.

"The shops were always open then before meeting on Thanksgiving, and that was the best time. And year in and out I treated myself in this way. There was only one year that we had Thanksgiving at home. And this year that you want to hear about, well, it had been snowing a little, so that I was afraid the children might not be out. Never fear that! As I went up toward Miss Marchant's shop, I saw my little girl, fore-ordained for me. Well, almost with her face glued to the glass—a bigger girl was trying to lead her on. But you could as soon move to the State House.

"The snow was over now, and it was raining. The two were sheltered by a red cotton umbrella, I remember."

"What do you see, Polly?" said I. What is in the window?"

"Look there," said the child, hardly turning her face toward me.

"Plaze, sir, she's crazy about it," said the bigger girl. "She came yesterday to see it, and today she has brought me to see it. It is a boat with a red top to the house on it. And see, it's all full of birds and beasts, some on their heads and some on their feet, sir," she added, warming to their intimacy, to her own surprise.

"And the poor little cratur, she has but four cents her father gin her this morning," she added, sadly.

"Oh," said I, "four cents goes a good way on Thanksgiving Day. Come in, come in," and with some trouble we shut the umbrella.

Miss Marchant would have known me. But Miss Marchant was not there. No, in the rocking-chair in the back shop there sat a young girl, not a bit like Miss Marchant. No! This was the very prettiest girl—"

"William! You shall not talk such nonsense!" This was the sudden exclamation of dear old Madam Hornacre, who was trying to stop him. But all the granddaughters, and even the great granddaughters, suppressed her, and the old gentleman went on bravely.—"the very prettiest girl I had ever seen, or have seen from then till now. She sat with her bonnet on—a brown beaver bonnet. She had what we used to call a pellise on, brown silk it was.

"I bowed to her and said, 'If you please, this little girl wants the Noah's Ark in the window. I want to tell her that on Thanksgiving Day in this shop, Noah's arks cost only four cents.'"

"I did not wink at so pretty a girl. No! I found it very hard to meet her eyes. But she did not need any winking. I can tell you. As you boys say, 'she caught on' immediately. She smiled at my little wet girl very prettily, and said, 'Of course, my dear, on Thanksgiving morning. Here is one quite new in the paper it came in.'"

"Then when she had wrapped it in another paper, she came outside the counter to give it to the delighted child, and gave to her a paper of peppcr-

## NIGHTFALL

By Viola E. Smith

Softly on the earth descending,  
Lights and shadows strangely blending,  
Comes the night;  
While the day, with tireless pinions,  
Silently, to new dominions,  
Wings her flight.

See the sun, at his departing,  
Golden glances backward darting,  
Up the sky;  
Then the eastern hills caresses,  
With his arms of light, and kisses  
Them good-by.

Respite comes to high and lowly;  
Labor's myriad wheels move slowly,  
And then stop;  
Quietness and peace from heaven,  
Blest boons to the weary given,  
Seem to drop.

From the sky the stars are peeping,  
And like angel eyes seem keeping  
A watch there;  
Sad ones, finding sweet remission,  
Roam in dreams through fields Elysian,  
Free from care.



mints, and she said, 'Shem, and Ham, and Japheth have a long voyage, these will keep them warm!'

"She came back from the door as they went away, and said, 'How nice that was!' and added, 'If it were my shop, you should not pay me,' as I put the four and six pence in her hand. Then she really thanked me, but she said, 'My aunt has gone home, she left me in charge,' but she added that she must lock the shop, as it was time for meeting. So I had to say good-by.

"Now, you must not laugh, boys and girls, but as I went through Cornhill, sloppy and mushy, in the rain, all the time I felt sure that a great beaver bonnet was behind me, and that blue eyes were looking out of it. But they do say now, that all that time she was walking to Federal Street church. I went to Mr. Malcolm's."

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After grandpapa had come so far, he laughed, and dear old Madam Hornacre blushed very prettily behind the great fan which Captain Horace had brought her from Madrid. And Dr. Hornacre said, "That is all the story."

"All! all! It only begins. How do you do it, grandpapa? How? How?" These shouts arose from twenty voices.

Cuthbert, who is a junior, and has a budding moustache, rose from his chair and said, "How? How? I saw a sweet pretty girl in the elevated yesterday, and I shall never, never see her again! Boo! Hoo! Hoo!" And he blubbered with affected tears, seizing his Aunt Jane's handkerchief.

"How?" said grandfather, "why, you see, I sailed in and won." "We see that," said the boy, "but how do you do it?"

"Oh! perhaps grandmamma will tell."

"I will tell nothing," said the dear old lady. But she whispered to Aunt Jane, "You know, as Mrs. Grant said, 'he is so dreadfully sot,' and he would not take no for an answer."

"I had just as lief tell," said Buckminster, "He bought a newspaper—no, an almanac in the shop the next day; and the next he said to her that it was a fine morning; and the next time he said he heard Dr. Malcolm preach the day before. And she said she heard Dr. Channing. And after the sermon,

which was on the text, 'work out your own salvation,' they walked home together. And the next Sunday he offered himself as a teacher in the Sunday school. And, six months after, they were published in the First church. And six months and six days after, they were married. And if they had not been married, I do not know where twenty-three of us would be at this moment."

And then Lucy Champnoon, who manages such festivals wonderfully well, cried out, "And then they all fell to playing 'Catch as catch can.' Gentlemen and ladies, take your partners."

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And little Pierre, who had on his first trousers, ran and secured Madam Hornacre for his partner, and Lucy sat down to the piano and played, "The White Cockade," and they danced a Virginia Reel, one set down; and then it was time for the charades.

And the very first tableau was a shop window with two children looking in; and this was the first syllable in the word—

"ARK-AEOLOGY."

## THE MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

By EBEN E. REXFORD

### THE IDEAL FARM HOME



HAVE noticed that most men who claim to look upon flower-growing as strictly woman's work, and who are rather reluctant to acknowledge that they take any interest in the culture of "posies," are rather quick to see that a well-kept yard adds not only to the appearance of a place, but to its selling value as well. Hardly a home-owner of my acquaintance discourages his wife or children from "fixing up things." He may consider it as beneath his dignity to take part in the work, but he is willing they should go ahead with it, for he knows very well that he will reap the reward of their diligence in the long run. This isn't very complimentary to the man, I am well aware, but it shows that he appreciates the money value there is in making things look well. His family do the work for the love of it, and the pleasure they get out of it. He tolerates it, and perhaps encourages it in a rather noncommittal way, because he sees dollars and cents in it.

I do not propose to advocate the development of the aesthetic features of the home from the standpoint of dollars and cents. I would urge it because I believe it is every one's duty to make home just as pleasant as it can possibly be made. This, for the sake of the family, if not for our own sake. I believe in the gospel of beauty as much as I do in the gospel of the Bible. I believe there is religion in beauty and that it is just this kind of religion that all of us need. It is the religion that appeals to the finer instincts and calls out and develops all the better impulses of our natures. It is the religion that sees back of every tree, and shrub, and flower the God that makes things, the God that plans, and the God that expects us to make the most of every element of good with which He has endowed us. Not only of the elements of good that are within us, but the power for good that we may exert if we live up to the God-given possibilities of every life.

Look back in your own experience and think of the homes that have been made beautiful by shrub and flower, and vine and tree, and then of those that have been neglected, and follow up the lines of those who have gone out from these homes. In nine cases out of ten, I believe I am safe in saying, you will find that those who left pleasant homes behind them have been most successful in life. If not so in a money sense, certainly so in the sense that life has given them more to enjoy, because their early training fitted them for a proper appreciation of the things that are above mere money value.

Too many persons seem to think that a country

home, simply because it is a country home, cannot be made very attractive, or, if it could, that it is hardly worth while to expend much effort in making it so, because the result would not attract much attention from the outside world. Here is where a great, a serious, mistake is made. In the first place, there is no reason why a country home should not be made as beautiful as any other home. In fact, there are greater opportunities for making it so. It can be made so, and this with but little expense and not a great deal of work, if one has the will to do it. In the second place, why should we who own the home worry ourselves over the outside world? What matters it to us whether those who are strangers to us see it or not? Home should be for the members of the family, not for the transient visitor. If my home is pleasant to me and those who occupy it with me, what matters it to me what the opinion of the passer-by is? We want to get rid of the idea that we are making home beautiful in order to win the approval of other people. We are, or should be, making it beautiful for the occupants of it. This should be the motive that actuates us in its development, first, last, and always.

### Seasonable Hints and Suggestions

Shrubs and perennial plants can be transplanted safely this month. Do this as soon as they have completed the work of the season and ripened the year's growth.

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In moving a plant aim to disturb its roots as little as possible. Take it up with a large amount of soil adhering to its roots, and handle it so carefully that this will not break apart. If the soil is quite dry, it is a good plan to apply a liberal quantity of water before lifting the plant.

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If herbaceous plants are set out take advantage of the opportunity to cut away all the older roots. Plant only the newer and stronger ones. Of course, in making a division, it will be impossible to get along without disturbing all the roots more or less, but generally the roots worth saving will be at one side of the mass, or in such a shape that they can be separated from the old ones by cutting between them with a sharp, thin-bladed knife.

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Large clumps are benefitted by division, even if all their roots are in a healthy condition. But don't throw away the roots you cut off. If you don't want them some neighbor will doubtless be glad to make use of them. Give them to the boys and girls who haven't gardens of their own, but who might be encouraged to attempt them if some one would take interest enough in them to give them plants and

tell them how to grow them. Get a boy or girl interested in flowers and you will have done a deed that will be pretty sure to result in much good later on. We do not fully understand the possibilities in acts of this kind. It is always worth while to sow the seed and trust to the future for a generous harvest.

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The frost will have killed the tops of dahlias, cannas, gladioli, and caladium by this time. As long as there is no danger of injury to the roots of the plants from freezing it is well to leave them in the ground. But as soon as the soil begins to freeze on cold nights it is well to dig them. Choose a bright, sunny day for this, if possible. Before lifting the roots lay down some boards in a place fully exposed to the sun, upon which to spread.

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Do not cut off the tops of gladioli as you dig the roots. Simply loosen the soil with a spade and lift the corn out by the stalk. Spread the stalks out in a row, with the roots exposed. After the second day cut the stalks off to within six inches of the corm. The stub can be left on until the roots are ready for storing. By that time it will be in a condition to break away from the corm easily. If we attempt to separate root and stalk at digging time we are pretty sure to injure the former.

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I would not advise storing the gladiolus in the cellar. It is generally too damp there. I prefer to put the corms in bags of buckwheat hulls or perfectly dry sawdust, or to wrap them in paper and store in a cool, but frost-proof, closet or room where the atmosphere is free from dampness.

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I cut off dahlia tops about six inches above the tubers. I do this as I dig the roots. The roots are spread out in the sun, without attempting to free them from the soil. After a little this will become so dry that it will crumble away from them readily and there will be no danger of breaking the tubers, which are easily injured when first dug. Always aim to get outside the bunch of roots in digging them. If a tuber is broken or cut by the spade throw it away. If this is not done it may decay and communicate its unhealthy condition to other tubers with which it comes in contact.

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If the cellar is a very damp one, it may be advisable to hang the roots up along the ceiling. Watch them well, and as soon as you see indications of mould, remove the affected tubers. By doing this you may save all the rest in the bunch, but neglect to do it and the chances are that you will lose all of them.

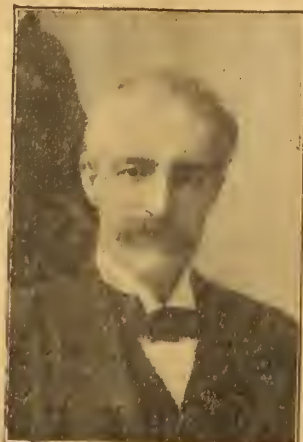


# The Country Life Commission and its Work

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HOWEVER fiercely the political battle may wage between the different parties and their contending chieftains, all right-thinking men and women who have the public welfare at heart will cordially endorse both the wisdom and the patriotism of

President Theodore Roosevelt's recent action in appointing the Country Life Commission, consisting of the following able and eminent gentlemen:

Professor L. H. Bailey, New York State College of Agriculture, Ithaca, N. Y., chairman; Mr. Henry Wallace, Wallace's Farmer, Des Moines, Iowa; President Kenyon L. Butterfield, Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass.; Mr. Gifford Pinchot, United States Forest Service, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Walter H. Page, editor of the World's Work, New York.

While President Roosevelt has wisely taken the initiative in naming this commission without awaiting the action of a lethargic and slow-moving Con-

gress, it is no withholding of that meed of praise justly due our chief executive in this matter to state that the happy idea of the appointment of a special commission to study social conditions obtaining in rural communities and to devise ways and means for improving the same, was originally suggested by Hon. Gifford Pinchot, chief of the National Forest Service, surely one of our country's most able, far-seeing, vigilant, courageous, patriotic, and statesman-like public servants—a man who, by his well advised and aggressive efforts to preserve and conserve our great natural resources, has made generations yet unborn greatly his debtor. It is fortunate, indeed, that one of the members of the Country Life Commission is Mr. Pinchot. In view of his being generally regarded as the father of the commission plan, the following from a letter, recently written by Mr. Pinchot and transmitted by him to the editor of this magazine, will be of special interest as showing the purpose and scope of the commission's work:

"How have the agricultural schools and colleges

and the departments of agriculture of state and nation met the situation? Largely by the assertion, in word or in act, that there is only one thing to be done for the farmer. So far as his personal education is concerned they have tried to give him a sound body, a trained mind, and a wise and valiant spirit. But so far as his calling is concerned, they have stopped with the body. They have said in effect: We will help the farmer to grow better crops, but we will take no thought of how he can get the best returns for the crops he grows, or of how he can utilize those returns so as to make them yield him the best and happiest life.

"We have done more, and have done it more effectively, for the farmer along the line of better crops than any other nation. But we have done little, and far less than many other nations, for better business and better living on the farm. Our departments of agriculture should cover the whole field of the farmer's life. It is not enough to touch only one of the three great country problems, even though

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## THE ECLIPSE OF THE THORNTONS

By RUTH HAYS

SYNOPSIS.—The physician of a well-to-do city family decrees that the father must go to Colorado for his health, and that the wife and mother must accompany him. As a result, the children move out of the palatial family home and have to seek less pretentious quarters in an undesirable part of the city. A teacher, Miss Prince, boards with the young people and proves a great help to them in the planning of their home life and in devising ways and means for increasing the income of the household. Nan, the oldest sister, plans to do mending as a means of earning money, and each of the older children bravely does his part to help out.

### PART II.



"I've got it," said Bob, coming in late one rainy afternoon some weeks later; and Nan laid down her mending, while the three children rushed to see what "it" might be.

"Pooh! only a place to teach in evening school!" said Madge scornfully, when he had explained. "I thought it was a fortune at least."

"Fortunes don't grow on every bush, let me tell you, old lady," laughed Bob. "They have to be worked for, like everything else worth having, and this will pay me a dollar and a half an evening. Not to be sneered at, hey, Nan?"

"No," indeed, it's lovely! I'm only afraid it will be too hard for you, after studying all day." Nan

looked at him anxiously, and Bob laughed again.

"Not for me," he said lightly. "Lots of our fellows do it every winter. It's you that works too hard, Miss, and I almost wish I'd let Grandma Thornton make a seamstress of me, when she wanted to. Then I could have cobbled up ours, and let you devote yourself to the lady professors' mending altogether."

"The lady professors' work is easy, thank you, and Madge is learning on ours. She helps me ever so much. Nan smiled at Madge, who spoke up saucily. "And they're not cobbled up either, Mr. Bob! I do 'em fine, don't I Nan?"

"Well, you keep it right up." Bob was in great spirits tonight. It was good to feel that he would be doing something to help the family wheels go round, as he said, "Hullo, Jacky—fishing rod in sight, hey?" for Jacky was standing at attention, heels together and toes turned out at an alarming angle. "Good enough! Madge will beat the dancing masters, yet."

"Oh, he's learning all right," said Madge. "Don't tumble over on your face, Jacky. But, oh Bob! what do you think? Mother wrote to me this time; such a nice letter! And father's lots better—I'll get it for you."

"Mother must be ever so much encouraged." Nan put aside her work, and came over to the fire where Bob stood. "She tells about the place and the scenery this time, which she hasn't before. And she says she wishes she could bottle up a lot of that bracing air to send us."

"We seem to be doing pretty well on the home brew." Bob looked about him at the healthy, happy faces quite paternally. "We do your housekeeping credit, Nan. They don't bother you any, do they? any of them?"

"They're as good as gold," said Nan warmly. "Every single one of them! I've told mother how good Charley is about doing errands and things, and Madge helps a lot. As for Jacky, we couldn't keep house at all without him, could we, Boy Blue? Now let Bob read the letter, for it's supper time, and Miss Prince will be down directly."

"And Mary's making griddle cakes," put in Charley eagerly. "So fire away, Bob, and hurry up!"

In those days Madge confided to Charley as a great secret, her scheme for restoring the family fortunes.

"I'm writing a novel," she whispered mysteriously. "They get an awful lot of money sometimes, for real good ones, you know. I saw the other day about somebody that got fifty thousand dollars just for one book! Of course I wouldn't expect to get that—for a first one—but even if I could get twenty thousand, it would be lovely. I'm going to call it 'The Eclipse of the Montmorencys.' I think, but really, you know, it will be all about us—ourselves."

"Well, we ain't stars, nor moons," said Charley. "What do you call it 'Eclipse' for?"

"Why because we've gone into—into obscurity, sort of, and by and by we're coming out again all right, of course!" said Madge indignantly. "You

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# Consolidation of Country Schools

By HON. O. J. KERN, Superintendent of Schools, Winnebago County, Illinois.

**I**N harmony with the "almost universal tendency to improve country life" are three clearly defined movements to improve the country school conditions to meet the requirements of a more complex civilization. They are as follows:

First—Better material environment for the pupil in the country school. This is seen in the tendency to plant trees and flowers in the school grounds; to improve the school house; the out-door and in-door art movement; libraries, etc.

Second—Enrichment of the course of study, the new education which shall put the country child in sympathy with his environment. A course of training that shall be more practical and at the same time possess high cultural value.

Third—Consolidation of country schools. This is a union of several small, poorly taught schools, to secure greater efficiency in school administration; a more economical use of public money; and a more effective teaching force for country children. This third movement will bring greater things with reference to the first two movements than is possible under the single district system. The problem is to get the great body of farmers to realize this.

## What is Centralization of Schools?

Centralization or consolidation of schools does not necessarily mean that all of the schools of a township must be combined into one school at the geographical center of the township, regardless of local conditions. There may be a union of three or four districts, making a two-room school, and there may be two or more of such schools in a township. Also small schools may be consolidated with a graded school already established, where conditions are favorable. Complete consolidation of country schools means the union of all the schools of a township into



a central graded school. There may be consolidation of schools of two or more townships, as there are now union districts. I visited both kinds in Ohio in October, 1900.

## Madison Township, Lake County, Ohio

Madison township represents an excellent illustration of what may be called partial centralization, that is, a grouping of two, three, or four country schools into one without attempting to take all the schools of the geographical center of the township. This method would not be practical because of the shape of Madison township. It is one of the townships along the coast of Lake Erie and is nine miles long and five miles wide. Most of the townships of the

Western reserve are five miles square, while in other parts of the state where centralization is a success, the townships are more than six miles square.

Consolidation has been in operation in Madison township since 1895. We visited the schools at Unionville and North Madison. Superintendent J. R. Adams, principal of the Union-Madison township, sent me the following data with reference to comparative cost:

1. The total cost for the township for educational purposes in 1896 was \$7,555; for 1901 the cost was \$7,243, a saving of \$312 in one year.

2. Cost of transportation in 1896 was \$332, for 1901 the cost was \$1,618.

3. Incidental expenses for the township in 1896 were \$2,509; for 1901 the incidentals were only \$502.

4. Total enrollment in township for 1896 was 390; for 1901 it was 414.

5. Per capita cost for education in township in 1896 was, based on the total enrollment for the year, \$1.36; for 1901 the per capita was \$17.50.

## Consolidation in Illinois

Consolidation of country schools has begun in Illinois. Winnebago county has the first one in the state. In April, 1907, districts 90, 91, and 93, of Seward township (town), on petition to the school trustees, were consolidated. A few days later, by a vote of 38 for and 15 against, the people of this consolidated district voted to bond this district for \$7,000 on ten years' time at four per cent to erect a modern school house on a central site. By a vote of 47 for and one against, the people authorized the directors to purchase a site of 3.6 acres of some of the finest farming land in Northern Illinois. The price paid was \$1,000.

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**SYNOPSIS.**—Sergeant Ruck, of a U. S. infantry corps, stationed at Fort Leavenworth in the early days, has a dog devotedly attached to him named Tuck. The company was soon removed up the Missouri river to Fort Pierre, near which Indians were encamped. Soon after the change of base, Ruck fell desperately in love with Wyona, a beautiful Indian maiden, thereby incurring the bitter hatred of a daring young Indian.

## PART II.

Wyona, a comely squaw of uncertain age, had taken a great fancy to the pale-face warrior in blue uniform and brass buttons, and had given the mitten to an admirer from her own people that she might devote herself entirely to her new object of affection. Shun-ka-has-ka (Long Dog) was the name of her discarded lover, who swore by the great spirit that he would have the scalp of Ruck unless he should make himself scarce and leave Wyona alone. But Buck couldn't see it that way, and defied Shun-ka-has-ka to do his worst. Time passed on, and as nothing happened the old sergeant and his Indian love forgot all about their enemy and only lived for each other in their own peculiar way.

One night in November the sergeant, who had just taken an affectionate leave of Wyona, slowly proceeded on his way to his quarters. The moon shone brightly and the leaves were studded with myriads of stars, making everything nearly as distinct and plain as in the daytime. Suddenly an arrow whistled through the air, grazing Ruck's head by an inch, and lodged in a tree on the other side of the road. The sergeant stood motionless for a minute and then coolly pulled the arrow out of the tree and mumbled something which sounded like an oath, and Shun-ka-has-ka continued on his way. Next day he called on Wyona, taking the arrow with him. The squaw at once recognized it as the property of her discarded lover.

"Tell you what I'll do, Wyona," said he, after he

# Ruck and Tuck

## A TALE OF THE PLAINS

By Eugene Wipfler

had quieted her fears for his life; "if you are willing I'll make you my wife according to the ways of the pale-face, and that will hurt him more than an ounce of lead would. What do you say, my girl?"

Of course Wyona was willing, and in the course of a week they were married by the post adjutant.

Tuck became a great favorite with Wyona and was as faithful and devoted to her as he was to his master. Shun-ka-has-ka, after having made his cowardly attempt of assassination and failed, decided to lay his grievance before the head men of his tribe. A meeting was arranged by the chief for the following morning to hear his complaint. Before the assembled warriors Wyona's baffled suitor appeared, proud and confident that he would succeed in convincing them how grievously he had been wronged. He addressed them as follows: "The white man, the eternal enemy of the children of the great spirit, has for years innumerable oppressed, harrassed and exterminated our kindred. He has driven them from the lands of their fathers, so they are unable to hunt the game the great spirit has sent them to subsist upon. He has broken every pledge given the red man, and to crown all he has now come to take away their women, and laughs in the face of him he has despoiled. The pale-face warrior of our great father has invaded the sanctity of our tepees and carried off the betrothed of Shun-ka-has-ka. I want the warriors of my tribe to rise in their might and exterminate the enemies of my people. The scalps of the pale-face warrior shall hang on

the belt of Shun-ka-has-ka before many moons. I have spoken."

Several young bucks arose after he had finished and pleaded before the assemblage in his favor. The chief, an old man of three score and ten, who had listened attentively to the speeches, commanded silence and replied thus:

"We have heard the words spoken by our warriors and kinsmen, who feel themselves aggrieved by the evil deed of a pale-face in taking unto himself for a wife a woman who should belong, according to our custom and laws, to the warriors of our tribe. This is a grievous matter and is only another instance of the perfidy the pale-face has always shown toward the children of the great spirit. But how can we go on the warpath when, with snow across the earth, our ponies are lean and weak and our people are hungry? No; we must abide our time; we must suffer this indignity in silence till the time comes to avenge this and many other injuries. When the sun grows warmer and the green grass decks the earth we will again assemble and talk it over. I have spoken."

The pow-wow then broke up and dispersed. Shun-ka-has-ka was furious. He raved and fumed and swore he would not abide by the decision of the chief. From that day on he worked among the young bucks to induce them to join him in a raid upon the pale-face warriors. He pleaded, begged and threatened. How well he succeeded the sequel will show.

The construction of Fort Sully progressed; the trees within a radius of ten miles of the post were all used up and the men had eventually to go beyond that distance to procure suitable logs. It was a bitter cold day in January, 1867, when Sergeant Ruck and a detail of two corporals and

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# SILAS GILMORE'S REPENTANCE

By MRS. L. D. AVERY-STUTTLE



HEY ain't no use talkin', mother; no girl of mine is ever goin' to begin to go with any one of them worthless Brownlows—not while my name's Silas Gilmore. Ole Tom Brownlow done me a mean trick when he cheated me o' them twenty acres. I said I never'd forgive him, and I won't! an' now to think o' that great lumberin', blubberin' boy o' hisen sneakin' 'round after my Molly!"

When Silas Gilmore shut his thin lips tight and assumed that defiant manner, meek little Mrs. Gilmore had learned that as the saying goes, "The least said, the soonest mended." But tonight the occasion was a very grave one, and she ventured a quiet protest.

"O, I don't know, father—I don't think he's lumberin' nor blubberin', neither, for that matter; he jest came down on his wheel 'tother day, an' asked me an' you for Molly in a reel straitfor'd manner, I thought."

"Huh! there's another thing! I jest caculate them wheels is a nuisance—that's my idea o' them. No, sir! that idle, good-for-nothin' Jack Brownlow never'l git no girl o' mine—not much!" and old Silas Gilmore glared fiercely at the faded little woman who sat meekly darning stockings by the south window in the yellow light of the September sun.

There was a worried look in Mrs. Gilmore's pale, blue eyes, as she noted the defiant tone of her liege lord. Still she summoned courage to reply the second time—a very unusual procedure on the part of Mrs. Gilmore:

"I'm afraid, Silas, that really the only thing you can bring up agin Jack Brownlow is that his father and you had a quarrel years and years ago; and I jest think, bein' you'r a deakin of the church, it's about time to forgive and forget; and you know, Silas, jest as well as I do, that there ain't no nicer nor honorabler chap around than what Jack is—an' as fur that wheel o' hisen—"

"An invention of the evil one, that's what! I'm astonished at you, Sary Jane—raisin' right up agin me in my own house—" (Silas Brownlow had a habit of calling everything on the premises his), "an' as fur my forgivin' Tom Brownlow, I don't feel called on to do no forgivin'—that was a pesky mean caper o' hisen; of course I'm deakin an' all that, but that's neither here nor there—"

Just then a fresh, sweet voice was heard from the parlor window singing

"Forgive and forget;

Should the sun e'er set

And sink in the peaceful west,

And anger bide in a soul redeemed,

And wrath in a Christian's breast?"

Silas Gilmore didn't wait to hear any more. He put on his hat and sauntered out to the barn, muttering to himself: "O, that girl Molly thinks she's mighty cute, a preaching her tunes at her old father's expense. Young folks nowadays ain't got no reverence for their parents no more."

Molly Gilmore finished her song about the duty of forgiveness, in her sweetest manner, and then rose from the old-fashioned piano, put aside the worn muslin curtains and peeped out just in time to see her audience disappear behind the shed.

"He didn't hear me sing my song through—O dear! and it's a new one—I learned it on purpose for him. Seems as if father never, never will forgive Jack for being the son of the man who cheated him out of that land, years and years ago. Poor Jack! father isn't decent to him, actually."

Perhaps it was the fact that Jack Brownlow had made the journey of five miles, which lay between his home and that of Molly Gilmore, on his bicycle, on the preceding Sunday, when he had asked for Molly's hand, which had exasperated the old deacon, and added fresh fuel to the old fire

that had never gone out these twenty years. For Silas Gilmore's particular detestation was bicycles;

"What did father say, mother?" queried Molly, laying her dimpled cheek on the motherly shoulder, "did he say Jack shouldn't come any more?"

"No, dear, not exactly that, but I'm afraid he'll never be willin', Molly, though I done the best I could a talkin' to him, but I didn't seem to do him no good."

"Father never did pay any attention to your wishes or your words either, for that matter; it doesn't seem as if he ever gave a thought or spent a cent fixing things up to make it nice and easy for you and me. Poor mother! you wouldn't have looked so old and faded if you'd had an easier life and a few more nice words from father—" and Molly Gilmore patted the withered cheek and looked up into the faded blue eyes tenderly.

"You're a real comfort to me, Molly, but your father seems to think all such things is silly—so I try to be contented."

"It's only last week I wanted him to buy a washing machine and a wringer, but he said he guessed we could get along," continued the girl.

"Never mind, Molly, we mustn't say nothin' hard agin father."

That night, had any belated traveler passed the Gilmore cottage, he would have seen lights flickering and flashing from one room to another, and heard doors opening and shutting rapidly, and he would probably have concluded that the Gilmores were in trouble of some kind. They were—mother Gilmore was ill—very, very ill. She had awakened from an uneasy sleep in great pain, and after an hour or two of dreadful agony, had become quite unconscious.

From the first Molly had tried to persuade her father to hurry for the doctor, but the old deacon seemed either too obtuse to see and acknowledge the danger or else was unconscious of it, until the first faint streaks of day struggled through the shadows, like a dim, uncertain hope of heaven in a soul black with the darkness of sin.

Then Silas Gilmore seemed fully to comprehend the danger.

"I guess mother's a goin' to die, Molly; O why didn't I go for Dr. White before—I'm afraid it's too late now."

Breathless and hatless, Silas Gilmore strode out in the gray morning toward the pasture where the evening before he had left his sleek bays—as fine a team, he prided himself, as any in the county. He was possessed of one overmastering fear—that the precious life of which he had always been so careless and so prodigal was going out. What! his Sary Jane dying!

He had noticed of late that the pale, blue eyes were more deeply sunken than usual and that she went about the house in a dejected, aimless fashion—not at all like the Sary Jane of thirty years ago—he had often meant to speak to her about it and ask her if she felt well, but he remembered with a dull pain in his heart that he had never called her name. But she must not die! He would throw the saddle on Fleetfoot—it would be only the work of a moment—and he would have the doctor by sunrise.

"Come, Fleetfoot! Come, Dandy! It's a good ten mile, but we'll soon make it. Mother shan't die!"

Back and forth, back and forth in the gray light, from one side of the dewy meadow to the other, Silas Gilmore rushed, hatless and breathless, shouting frantically.

Where were the horses? Would they never come? They generally answered him when he called them, with a low whinny, for he was always good to them—far kinder and more considerate than he had been to their mistress. He has made the entire circuit of the meadow many times, and

still he does not find them. They surely cannot be far away—maybe they are lying behind that little clump of bushes yonder—no, they are not there! Fleetfoot and Dandy are gone! Ah! there is the open gate; he remembers now that he neglected to close it the night before. The horses upon which he had depended to save the life which in the last few hours has grown so unspeakably dear to him are gone! Mother must die. He could never make the long distance on foot. He would perish of exhaustion before he could reach the doctor—and yet he must make the attempt. The nearest neighbor is three miles away, and he has horses. No use to waste time in returning to the house, Molly would only worry.

He recalls, with a sigh, how his wife dreaded to leave their pleasant Eastern home ten years before and move into a strange, new country, far away from all her friends and early associations; but she had done it uncomplainingly, though she had grown thinner and sadder every day. O, he sees it all plain enough now, when it is too late.

He remembers her anxiety, so often expressed, that Molly should be well settled in life very soon. Then he thinks about Jack Brownlow. Mother had always liked him, and really he was a good Christian lad. Maybe he had been a little hard on Jack. What if the father had cheated him and lied to him?

Strange such thoughts as these should come to him now—now, while mother was dying.

See! the great sun has slowly mounted, until half his shining circumference is above the horizon. Only two long miles of the tedious stretch have been covered! Eight more miles! and mother must have help at once.

Look! what is that swiftly moving speck, dashing over the rolling roadway like the wind? Nearer, nearer it comes. Silas Gilmore rushes to meet it with a kind of fascination. The wheels of the tiny carriage glitter in the sun like the chariot of fire in which Elijah ascended to heaven.

A firm, manly voice sounds in his ear.

"Good morning, Mr. Gilmore; what can be the matter? Is Molly—is anybody sick? Why man—where's your hat? What's happened?"

Silas Gilmore forgot—for the first time in twenty years—the old grudge against the Brownlows, and only gasped:

"It's mother! Get the doctor quick, Jack!" and as he watched Jack Brownlow take his backward track and disappear in a cloud of dust, he also forgot that he hadn't any use for bicycles.

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Five years have passed away. Let us make a short visit at the Gilmore homestead. Everybody says old Silas Gilmore is a changed man. In fact, we hardly recognize the tender, loving voice in which we hear him talking to the peaceful-looking old lady who sits on the vine-covered porch with her hands in his:

"Wal, Sary Jane, the Lord had a good, long lesson for me, and I hope I've learnt it good and thorough. I never shall forgit that awful night when I thought you was a dyin', and I couldn't find them horses, and Jack came along with that steel horse o' his'n, and went for the doctor in a hurry. I jest dropped onto my knees an' then an' there I vowed to the Lord I'd be a different man ' He'd only spare my Sary Jane."

"Jack and Molly's awful happy together, but they haint a mite more so than we be, mother."

Just then two voices were heard in the parlor, singing the old song which Molly had sung on that eventful evening so long ago:

"Forgive and forget;

Should the sun e'er set,

And sink in the peaceful west,

And anger 'bide in a soul redeemed,

And wrath in a Christian's breast?"



# The RURAL TELEPHONE

By Hon. J. B. Ware, Secretary of the International Independent Telephone Association



J. B. Ware

**S**PEAKING in general terms, yet conservatively, during the past century, during the past century and art, and the inventions and their practical application to the agricultural and commercial interests, and to the rural and urban home life, have been more numerous and more valuable than during all the accumulated centuries preceding.

Of all wonders of modern inventive genius no other has done more to benefit the farmer and make farm life attractive than has the telephone, and the elimination of no one

implement or accessory would be so felt by the telephone-using farmer as would the loss of his telephone.

Though the telephone was first invented in 1876 and put into commercial use two years later, farmers, on account of the exorbitant royalties and charges, did not begin to enjoy its benefits and advantages until the expiration of the patents in 1894. Then farmers and citizens in villages and towns in many states bought and used telephones for private line purposes, and neighbor joined with neighbor and lines and small local exchanges were formed in 1895; during that and the following year larger towns and cities, noting the success of individuals in obtaining good telephone service at low cost, were led to construct exchanges, and thus was born the opposition or Independent Telephone Movement—the People's Movement.

Of the more than seven million telephones now in the United States, three million are Bell and over four million are Independent, or non-Bell, these latter serving eight million citizens exclusively with

telephone service. It is estimated that one million telephones are in the homes of American farmers, and probably 90 per cent of these are a part of the Independent system.

It has been estimated by some one that the farmer's telephone, on the average, enables him to sell his product for \$50 per year more than he would realize without the telephone. This seems a moderate estimate, but aggregates \$50,000,000 saved or earned annually by the farmer, which would otherwise go into the pockets of commission men or other non-producers.

When we reflect that there are about 6,000,000 farmers in this country and but one-sixth have telephones, we get a glimpse as to the future of rural telephones.

The marvelous growth of Independent rural 'phones in the Middle West is attested by the following facts: Iowa now has 200,000 Independent 'phones (mostly rural) to 40,000 Bell; Kansas, 85,000 Independent, 15,000 Bell; Ohio, 320,000 Independent, 130,000 Bell; Indiana, 200,000 Independent, 70,000 Bell.

In the early history of the rural telephone movement, light poles, light wire, and cheap equipment generally were used. But it was not long until experience clearly taught the unwisdom of such procedure. The result has been that lines built more recently have been far better constructed and equipped than were the earlier lines. As a consequence, farmers have enjoyed far better service and have saved much in reduced expense for repairs and frequent renewals.

There is no electrical advantage in having wires high in the air. They were so placed, as a rule, to get above the underbrush, high enough for loaded wagons, and to "get over" other wires. Where clean fences are kept, lower poles can be successfully used. Where the circuit is run from the farmhouse to the main road, or where a single circuit is put up, the small pole can be used, and only the durability is involved. There could, by a little planning, be much saved in light lines by using every eight or ten

rods in the fence, a post fourteen to eighteen feet long, thus placing wires out of reach of cattle and using high poles where necessary at the entrance to the field.

The telephone has revolutionized the commercial world, and if it should be suddenly banished all would be chaos. During the past ten years the business relations of and with the farmer have been radically changed, by reason of the telephone. Thus, the commission business is now very largely done by telephone. This means the farmer, instead of being visited, as formerly, by a buyer who offers a price to be taken or left, as the farmer decides then and there, usually at the latter's disadvantage, is now called, with periodical regularity, as to how much he has to sell, and is given the market price by the buyer, which price can be and is verified without delay, if the slightest doubt exists as to its accuracy, thus securing not alone the best prices obtainable in an open market, but the farmer is in the position of one sought rather than one seeking.

In times of sudden emergency or demand for fruit or grain or stock, the farmer with a telephone is in easy access, and instantly, to the buyer, who, with mutual profit to each, explains conditions to the farmer and arranges an early delivery and shipment. Thus innumerable instances occur monthly where a single such transaction secures to the farmer a profit many times greater than the cost of the telephone for one or perhaps several years.

The telephone has also largely eliminated burglary depredations upon the farmers near cities, making escape almost impossible. It has also prevented the average tramp from being impudent or a trespasser. Instant communication with neighbors secures protection not otherwise possible.

The telephone as a time-saver is invaluable to the farmer. Whether it be in emergencies, as sickness, fire, or accident, or in arranging for prompt shipment of a windmill arm, piece of machinery, or delivery of products, or for buying or selling. He, by it, is master of the situation, and in mind and body and pocket is benefited.

## The Feudist's Revenge

By MRS. JULIA M. KLINCK

**SYNOPSIS.**—An aged man, sitting in the doorway of his Kentucky mountain home watching his young son playing with a greyhound in the yard, is shot from the thicket nearby and is fatally wounded. The lad fondly seeks to withhold the old man from death, but in vain.

The father knows the slayer, Lem Elarth, and lives long enough to pledge his boy to be revenged. A little girl of the neighborhood is a witness to the tragedy, listens to the conversation between parent and child, and tries to dissuade her playmate from keeping his awful oath. The lad soon leaves the vicinity of the tragedy and is bound out to a farmer and stockraiser. During several years he practices with firearms and becomes a crack shot for the purpose of avenging his father's death. Occasionally letters pass between him and his childhood friend, she pleading with him to relent, forgive, and forget. But the boy remains determined to have a bloody revenge.

The young girl, Cissy, wins prize at a state spelling match, attended by Jamie. On return home he determines to secure an education, obtains release, attends district school, and later an academy where Cissy Dean is also a student. There he meets Lem Elarth, Jr., the son of his father's slayer. Lem's attentions to Cissy arouse Jamie's old-time desire for revenge, and young Elarth spares no pains to fan the flame.

### PART III.



**H**AT winter protracted meetings were held each evening for many weeks in the chapel of the academy, to every service of which Cissy was escorted as a matter of course by Mr. Elarth. Jamie did not often attend these services. He felt obliged to put

in every moment with his books. If he went, it was only to torment himself with the sight of Elarth's deferential attentions to Cissy. The sermon was usually ignored, in the rush of his torturing thoughts. One evening, however, the text caught his attention. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord."

In the very clear exposition that followed, so opposed to the feudal customs of the times in Kentucky, Jamie received new light. The oath of vengeance which he had taken seemed now a horrible thing. He could see the blighting effect it had had upon him for three wasted years, until Cissy had brought such interest into his life as to win his thoughts away from it for a time. He saw himself now as he was, with the foul demon of murder lurking in his heart.

Now the stifling bonds that had so long bound him seemed burst asunder. The "truth had made him free." How glad he was, upon moral grounds, to be released from that terrible oath. A great load seemed to fall from his shoulders, leaving him light, buoyant and happy-hearted, as he never remembered having been before. This freedom and exaltation of mind could not, however, last long. The old habit of hating could not so easily be shaken off. He imagined in the night time that he could see his father's face, distorted as he had seen it last, with hate and rage and pain, rising reproachfully before him, the long finger pointing at him, and the blood-flecked lips whispering, "Coward, coward!" until he was glad to spring out of bed, light his lamp, and drown his distressful thoughts in a resolute attempt at study. He realized, too, that his hatred of Lem Elarth was not so much on account of the old feud as the new one, which, like a stronger stem of the banyan tree, had sprung from the old root, overshadowing and choking out all good feeling between them. All this had a very confusing effect upon his mind, except in one particular. He knew now that he loved Cissy—had always loved her. Through all

the years that lay behind she had been everything to him—friend, companion, little sweetheart. Indeed, so much had she been to him that she seemed to have become an integral part of his life. All the inspiration toward the good in life, since his earliest years, had come through her. He could not give her up. He would find some way to circumvent Lem, and regain his old place by her side, his lost place in her esteem. Coward-like, he had let what he most prized on earth slip through his fingers. Now he would move heaven and earth in an effort to regain it. The opportunity presented itself sooner than he expected.

After the service one evening, Elarth was detained by one of the professors, who, with more zeal than discretion as to time and place, took him to the front of the chapel for a moment of earnest conversation. As the congregation slowly dispersed, Cissy was left in an attitude of waiting, which quickly became embarrassing. After a moment Jamie joined her, and, after chatting a moment, asked permission to escort her home, saying that Elarth was being detained for his own good possibly longer than he liked. As they passed out, Jamie could not resist the temptation to cast a glance, which he tried to keep from being too triumphant, in Lem's direction; and the flash of the eye that met his left Jamie in no doubt that retribution, swift and terrible, would follow his presumption. No portent, however, could cloud his present joy. The future might take care of itself; he had Cissy with him once more, and nothing else mattered.

Little was said on the homeward way, but in this instance silence was eloquent. Cissy was not so troubled over the situation but that she was frankly glad again to be in the company of her old friend.

(To be continued.)



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# MODES MOST MODERN

By May Manton



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5994 Misses' Coat.

5761 Misses' Nine Gored Plaited Skirt.

## November Fashions

Every possible variation of the choker, or close-fitting collarette, is to be noted. It is made of fur, it is made of silk, it is made of ribbon, and it is made of fur, it is made of silk, it is made of ribbon, and it is made of net, but it is always worn closely about the throat and fastened with loops and ends of ribbon.

Almost every possible fur is to be noted among those offered for winter wear, but the long haired sorts, such as the fox and the lynx, are given the preference.



6106 Boy's Russian Suit, 2 4 and 6 years.

erence. Skunk, or Alaska sable, will be extensively used and the sable, or dyed, squirrel continues all its vogue. Neck pieces that are made of entire skins combined to give a cape effect are favorites, but many of the newer muffs are made in pillow style without either head or tails, although those consisting of entire skins over a foundation of silk are seen in generous numbers.

Hats appear to grow larger in one direction and smaller in another. The dressy models are of immense size and lavishly trimmed with plumes, but there are a great many close fitting turbans, both of velvet and fur, shown that are charming for the simpler occasions. Hats and neck pieces to match are a fad of the hour and many of them are exceedingly chic.

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6112 Tucked or Gathered Sleeves, Small 32 or 34, Medium 36 or 38, Large 40 or 42 bust.

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## Tucked Blouse 6061 and Seven-Gored Skirt 6060

For the medium size will be required, for the blouse, 4 3/8 yards of material 24, 3 1/2 yards 32, or 2 1/2 yards 44 inches wide; for the skirt, 9 3/4 yards 24 or 32, or 5 1/2 yards 44 or 52 inches wide.



DESIGN BY MAY MANTON

6061 Tucked Blouse.  
6060 Seven Gored Skirt.

## Boys' Russian Blouse 6105

The suit consists of the coat and the knickerbockers. The coat is made simply with fronts and back and closes with buttons and buttonholes, while the sleeves are laid in tucks at the wrists. The knickerbockers are of the regulation sort, drawn up by means of elastic at the knees. The quantity of material required for the medium size (4 years) is 4 1/8 yards 24, 3 1/4 yards 27, 2 1/2 yards 36, or 2 yards 44 inches wide.

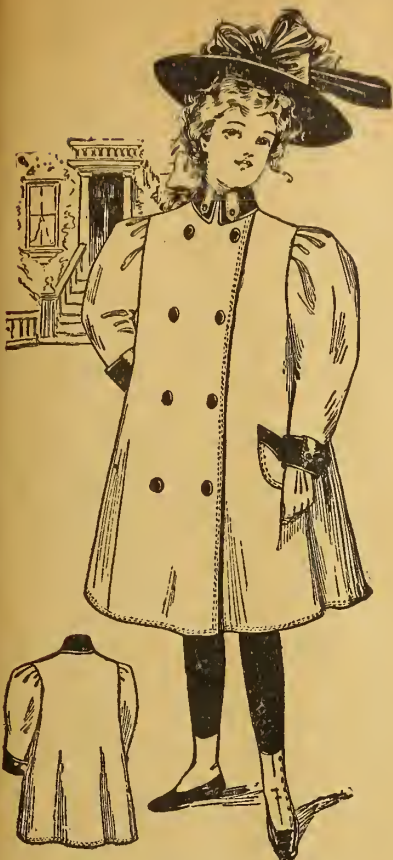


6091 Blouse or Shirt Waist, 32 to 42 bust.



# PATTERNS MOST PERFECT

BY MAY MANTON



5529 Girl's Double Breasted Coat, 8 to 14 years.

BLOUSE OR SHIRTWAIST 6091  
To Be Made With Straight or Turned-Over Cuffs

The waist is made with fronts and back and is laid in tucks over the shoulders, which give tapering lines at the back and provide becoming fullness at the front. There are shirtwaist sleeves that are gathered into straight cuffs and when the rolled-over cuffs are used they are seamed to their lower edges. The neck band finishes the neck and either a high rolled-over collar of the material or a contrasting one can be worn, as liked. The closing is made invisibly beneath the edge of the right front. The quantity of material required for the medium size is  $3\frac{3}{4}$  yards 24,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  yards 32, or  $2\frac{1}{4}$  yards 44 inches wide, with  $2\frac{1}{4}$  yards of banding.

## GIRL'S DOUBLE BREASTED COAT 5529

The coat is made with fronts and back and is supplied with generous patch pockets. There is a turn-over or military collar at the neck that is trimmed with pointed tabs and the sleeves are in regulation coat style with cuffs to match. The quantity of material required for the medium size (12 years) is 5 yards 27,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  yards 44, or  $2\frac{1}{2}$  yards 52 inches wide, with  $\frac{1}{2}$  yard of velvet.

## CHILD'S CAP 6117

The plain cap is made with brim and crown and serves also as a foundation for the Normandy and the fancy caps. The full crown of each other cap is arranged over the plain one on indicated lines and the reverse of the fancy cap is joined to the front edge. The quantity of material required for the medium size (4 years) is  $\frac{5}{8}$  yard 21,  $\frac{1}{2}$  yard either 36 or 44 inches wide for any cap, with  $\frac{1}{4}$  yard 18 inches wide for the trimming and crown of the Normandy cap or the reverse of the fancy cap, 3 yards of ribbon for rosettes,  $1\frac{1}{8}$  yards for ties.

## GIRL'S BOX PLAITED DRESS 5541

The dress consists of a smoothly fitted body lining, the waist and skirt. The

waist is made with front and backs, while the skirt is five-gored. The waist is arranged over the lining, which keeps it well in place and the skirt is joined to the lower edge of both, the closing being made invisibly under the edge of the box plait at the center back. The sleeves are in one piece each with straight cuffs. The belt can be of the material as in this instance or of leather, as liked. The quantity of material required for the medium size (10 years) is  $5\frac{3}{4}$  yards 27, 5 yards 36, or  $3\frac{1}{2}$  yards 44 inches wide.



5541 Girl's Box Plaited Dress, 6 to 12 years.



6117 Child's Caps, 2, 4 and 6 years.

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On Love, Courtship, Marriage, Home

By Rev. Charles Edward Odell



### THE INFLUENCE OF HOME

Several months ago a leading magazine asked its readers to give their definitions of the word "home," and the following answers were among those which were received: "The golden setting, in which the brightest jewel is mother." "A world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in." "Father's kingdom, the children's paradise, the mother's world." "The jewel casket containing the most precious of all jewels—domestic happiness." "A little hollow scooped out of the windy hill of the world, where we can be shielded from its cares and annoyances."

We see, even as a matter of sentiment, home is a cherishable word, and whatever may be the mid-life thoughts, the first and last are full of home. Rising from sentiment to history, morals, and religion, the subject assumes increasing sacredness. As we rise we become more and more impressed with the sanctity of the home. The family is seen to be the fountain, whose waters gladden, sweeten, and purify, or sadden, embitter, and pollute the world. As is the home, so is society, so is the church, so is the nation. No people ever rise above or sink below the influence of their home life. The home life is the pulse and temperature of the nation.

A home destitute of truth, virtue, and godliness sends out its influences with productive power to curse and undermine all forms of social life; whilst the surest pledge of public well-being is furnished by the godly training received in Christian homes. God has bound up, in the family ties of home, all that makes for the highest possible development of all our social institutions.

Man and woman coming together by the choice of their hearts, and creating a place called home, assume relations and responsibilities of infinite range and power. This becoming husband and wife is no "play." It is no mere temporal arrangement or respectable connection by which one party agrees to do the cooking, cleaning, sewing, or the superintending of these affairs, while the other party agrees to provide the means, these two forming a kind of co-partnership for material ends. It is something of far more significance; it is the institution of a home.

In this founding of a home there must be the union of hearts with the "joining of hands." This union means new and most peculiar relationship, both sacred and holy. If either has little to bring of love, cheerfulness, sacrifice, then sad, indeed, will it be for both. If either should fail to be true and keep inviolate what is brought into that union, it is sadder still.

Remember, a single step cannot be taken in the way of irresponsible indulgence without wrecking the home and shattering the very foundations of social order. We cannot afford to forget the home and our pledged allegiance thereto. If we would have our sons and daughters think virtue of small account, all we need do is to mix socially with those whom we know to have lax morals and admit them freely to our homes. If we would set the feet of husband or wife on the road to swift and complete ruin, give them to believe that they are at liberty to form whatever social alliances they may choose regardless of home ties; that they may go wherever their poor, vacillating affections may lead, or dark passions impel. Conjugal affection is a rare sensitive plant which is easily blighted and dies at the touch of anything socially impure or unclean. It shares burdens, cultivates and strengthens patience, multiplies joys, and gives character and beauty to everything in the home.

While we put much emphasis on conjugal affection, let us not forget that the family is divinely instituted to care for the child. The great work of the home is rearing and training young lives for positions of trust and honor in society, in the church, and in the state. If the home is responsible for good men and women, is it not also responsible for the bad? Do not the influences of home environment follow one throughout a life-time, either to bless or to curse?

There is such a thing as throwing around a home so many beautiful, so many blessed influences that the child will ever cling to it with undying love, and in future life it will ever be a precious memory, directing weary feet and making light many of the burdens of life.

## BUT I DIDN'T LET HIM KNOW

By Lilla D. Avery-Stuttie

How I loved him—little Joe!  
Cheek of tan and brow of snow,  
Hair of gold and dark blue eyes,  
Bright and fair as summer skies.  
O, 'tis many and many a day  
Since I watched my boy at play!  
Ah, too often with a frown,  
Watched the bare feet, plump and brown,  
Pacing, racing o'er and o'er,  
Making tracks upon the floor.

Once I heard his boyish prayer,  
On his knees upon the stair,  
"O dear Lord," I heard him say,  
"Mamma's busy, don't you see?  
Let the angels play with me!"

How I loved him—little Joe!  
But I didn't let him know.

Well, at last there came a day  
When my birdling went away;  
Vacant was the old home nest—  
Empty arms and aching breast,  
On the marble white as snow,  
Read the legend: "Little Joe;  
Had I only let him know!"

O' while yet your darlings stay,  
Send them not in tears away,  
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Mothers, let your darlings know;  
If you love them, tell them so.

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# HOUSEHOLD WELFARE

By MABEL DEVAL

## Cleaning the Piano

Nothing else so disfigures a parlor as does a piano on which may be seen from across the room in vari-colored patches and streaks the accumulated filth and poison naturally resulting from the expirations and exhalations of the genus homo. Hence it is important that every good housewife know how to clean the piano. A writer, who has evidently had experience, gives these valuable suggestions on this important subject:

"I heard not long ago of a lady who had been trying to find some way to clean her piano. It had a dark case with high polish, and had grown dull and milky looking, as well as finger-marked. She tried several preparations until finally some one told her to wash it with soap and water but this she dared not do without consulting some one with experience.

"A tuner was consulted and he told her that it was the best way he knew of cleaning a piano case, provide proper care was exercised in doing the work. He then told her to have a pan of tepid soft water, a cake of the best white soap, and several pieces of cotton flannel of the poorest grade—that is, sleazy and soft-twisted.

"One piece was to be used to apply the soap to the piano, first wetting the cloth, and then rubbing it across the soap; afterward applying it to the piano, rubbing over only a small place at a time.

"Then wet another piece of the cloth and rub the same place to remove all the soap; a third piece was to be used dry to absorb the moisture left on the wood. The work must be done rapidly, as the soap ought not to be left on the polished surface for any length of time. When using the last piece of cloth, it is necessary to rub briskly to give polish.

"The whole case must be gone over in the same way, and if the directions are carefully followed the piano will look like a new one; but if a stiff quality of cotton flannel is used, the polish will not be so fine and the surface will have a scratched appearance."

## Rubber Corks

Commenting on rubber corks, an excellent housekeeper recently made these valuable suggestions: "Few housekeepers appreciate the value of rubber corks for bottles. I have used them for several years, and find them a great convenience. I first used them for catsup bottles, as I had so few self-sealing bottles for the purpose. A druggist recommended them to me, saying that if they were pressed in firmly they would keep the catsup as well as if the bottles were sealed. Ammonia, chloroform, benzine, or any drug which evaporates can be safely left in a bottle with a rubber cork."

## Garnered Helps and Hints

A piece of sponge fastened securely on a stick makes a good mop with which to clean lamp chimneys.

Lemons will keep better if strung on a cord through the blossom end, and

hung up in a dark place; they must not touch one another.

When hard water is used, if a common marble—not glass—is put in the kettle, it will prevent the flakes of lime from forming on the sides.

When a broom has been used for heavy sweeping it keeps longer if it is dipped in hot water, shaken out well, and allowed to hang up until dry.

It is not good policy to let milk stand for any length of time in wooden pails for receptacles; but wooden churns and butter workers are all right, and can be kept perfectly sweet and bacteria-proof by the use of plenty of hot water.

Take a pint of skimmed milk, half an ounce of spirits of salts, half an ounce of spirits of lavender, one ounce of gum-arabic, and the juice of two lemons; mix all together, and keep in a bottle closely corked. Rub the shoes with a piece of sponge dipped in this preparation, and when they are dry, polish them with a soft brush or a bit of clean flannel.

When a double boiler is improvised from two saucepans, place two nails in the lower one to prevent burning.

Slightly moistening the button-hole of stiffly starched collars may prevent a morning episode that is quite common, "even in the best regulated families."

After cleaning out cupboards, larders, etc., with sapolio, sprinkle around the shelves with powdered borax, and no beetles, ants, etc., will ever trouble you.

A simple polish for furniture can be made of one part turpentine and three parts linseed oil, and is quite as efficacious as any of the expensive ones with fancy names.

The wearisome and continual polishing of brass may be avoided if, when they are in fine condition, they are varnished with a colorless shellac, kept in any paint store.

Coppers should be cleaned out every week after the washing is finished, otherwise they will become encrusted inside with a deposit of soap and soda, and be very hard to clean. As soon as the water is let out, scour with turpentine and sapolio; then wash with soap and water, rinse, and dry well.

Coffee forms an excellent weather prophet. Put two or three lumps of sugar in your cup of coffee and watch the bubbles that arise. If they come up the center and glide quickly over to the side of the cup, much rain is in store. If the air-bubbles keep to the center, then fine weather is denoted. If the bubbles gradually float to the side of the cup, showers may be expected.

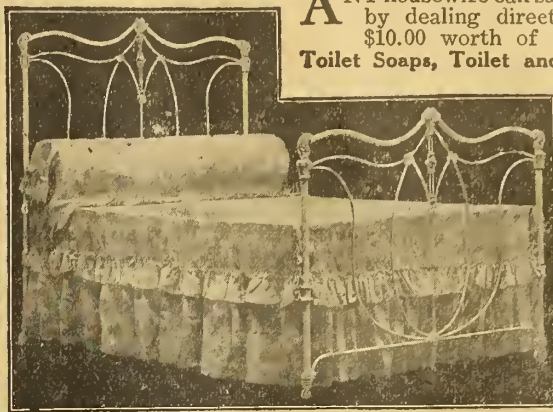
The knowledge of how to keep ice in the sick-room may be of service in saving life. A deep tin pan or pail should be taken, and a piece of flannel so fastened over the top that it will sag in the middle, but not enough to touch the bottom of the pail. A good-sized piece of ice can be placed in the flannel and completely wrapped in its folds so that no air can reach it. Small pieces of ice can be broken off, using a hatpin.

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**Removing Bulbs**—"I have tulips, hyacinths, crocus, scillas and narcissus that I would like to move to another location. If I take them up now can I store them in the cellar until September and then plant them?" (Mrs. E. B. S.)

Yes. These bulbs will have completed their early annual growth and will now be dormant. Put them away in a dry, cool place and keep them from the light.

**Peonies and Roses**—"I would like to set out peonies and roses this fall. When shall I do it?" (Mrs. S.)

Peonies can be planted to the best advantage in October. Roses I would plant in spring. They cannot be safely taken up until they have fully completed the work of the season and ripened all their wood, and cold weather comes on so soon after that the plants will not have had sufficient time to establish themselves in their new quarters before winter sets in. For this reason I advise spring planting.

**Sea Onion**—"Three months ago I shifted my onions to a larger jar. This jar the plant has completely filled with roots, but it has only the two leaves it had when shifted. Why doesn't the top grow?" (B. U. H.)

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**Roses and Perennials**—"When shall I order roses, perennial phlox and other plants of that class? I want them for fall planting." (Mrs. McR.)

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**Plant Lice**—"I have little green bugs on my plants, especially roses. Put sulphur in a box and burnt it under them. The leaves all fell off. The plants are beginning to come out again and the bugs are on thick as ever." (H. C. D.)

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**Asparagus and Rhubarb**—"When shall I plant asparagus and rhubarb? Seed or roots?" (F. R. R.)

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# WITH THE EDITOR

## THE ENJOYABLE FARM HOME

Truly has the poet sung: "There is no place like home; be it ever so humble, there is no place like home." The poet might also have said, with nearly equal truth, if with not so much of poetry, "There is no place like a good farm home." Thousands of men and women, whose life's work has taken them from the land, lovingly and longingly look back to the dear old home on the farm, where childhood's happy hours were so joyously passed. How oft would they return to the sacred spot and in memory live over the dear days that are forever gone—gone, perchance, with the beloved parents to the far country from which no traveler returns! Then tearfully and plaintively does the heart breathe the prayer: "Backward, turn backward, O Time in your flight, make me a child again just for tonight." About no other kind of home on earth do there cling so many precious and tender memories as do about the old farm home—"the orchard, the meadow, the deep tangled wildwood, and every fond place which my infancy knew." It is equally true, too, that no other class of homes has given to the world so many truly able, helpful, good, and great men and women as have the farm homes. This being true, it is evident that the most nearly ideal home life anywhere on earth—that which most reminds us of heaven—is to be found on the farm.

## THE RURAL WELFARE COMMISSION

In view of this fact, what more important subject could be made the theme of a magazine number? Indeed, what more important subject could be taken up for consideration by the President of the United States than that of rural social welfare—rural home life? No other great act of President Theodore Roosevelt's administration will add greater glory to his name and fame than the appointment by him of a special commission of able and eminent men to study into social conditions obtaining in rural communities and to devise sound and sane ways and means for improving the same. The efforts of the President and Welfare Commission to this most worthy end should receive the loyal and enthusiastic support and co-operation of every well wisher of our country. It is devoutly to be hoped that, whoever may be his successor in the White House, he will see to it well that the Rural Welfare Commission be continued and given all possible encouragement.

## THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving-time can bear to us no more important lesson than to impress upon our minds the exceeding moral value that ever attaches to the disposition gratefully to appreciate every favor, benefit, or blessing that comes to us, and to thank both the "Giver of every good and perfect gift" and also the human agent through whom the same may be transmitted. Lean and famished, indeed, is that soul which expresses its thanks only on one day in the year. Let the true spirit of Thanksgiving Day be assiduously cultivated during all the days of the live-long year.

What more refreshes the spirit of one who has had the good fortune to bestow a kindness upon a fellow mortal, than to find, after a lapse of time, even after he himself has forgotten all about the matter, that the recipient still gratefully remembers the favor. Perchance two student friends may meet after twenty years have passed away, and one may recall from across the years some little kindness, which the other, the giver, does not remember at all. In such a case does not one find these words of Scripture abundantly fulfilled: "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days?" Yes, it will be found again "after many days" to cheer, nourish, and water one's soul. What a comfort it is to be assured by an old-time friend that some little deed of love, performed by you, has been for many long years a treasured jewel in the casket of memory, and has ever brightened and bettered the life of the recipient.

## A CONTRAST

While gratitude and appreciation are among the most beautiful of virtues, ingratitude and unthankfulness are certainly to be counted among the most disagreeable of all vices. Well says F. W. C. Meyer: "Of all sins, great or small, ingratitude seems most contemptible. To thank is to think. But not to thank is a graver fault than not to think. Thanklessness is a disease of the heart as well as a defect of the head. It places one in company with the nine Jewish lepers, bodily restored, yet unclean, because ungrateful of soul, like unto the swine. 'Give me a penny, boss,' said a dirty faced ragamuffin on one of the streets in New York. Hardly had the kind-hearted gentleman handed him a coin when the boy, without pausing to say 'Thank you,' stretched out his eager hand and said: 'Give me another.'"

In pleasing contrast with the New York lad whom Mr. Meyer describes is a little 4-year-old German who lives in a thriving young Western city. One day he was trudging along by the side of his mother, near a small grocery store where, among other commodities, candy was for sale. As they neared the store, the little fellow begged for a penny with which to buy some candy. The mother was a poor woman, who supported herself and child by doing washing and other work. She was therefore unable to grant her son's request. He then began to cry lustily. Observing his great disappointment, a gentleman standing by gave the boy two pennies. What a wonderful transformation! How soon those tears were dried. Gratitude was painted all over the little fellow's face, and he politely said, "Thank you." The man felt himself many times repaid at the time, but still greater was his satisfaction fully a month afterward, when the little lad met the man again, and remarked, "You're the man who gave me the pennies." If all, both old and young, would appreciate and remember favors received as did this little German boy, many more kindly deeds would be done than ever have been in the past.

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## POULTRY ON THE FARM

By C. E. Matteson

### POULTRY HOUSES AND RUNS

The question of how to build and equip poultry houses and runs sufficiently large and roomy to accommodate the number of fowls kept on the farms seems to be the hardest of all to get at. There are but few people who keep fowls but what have realized the profits to be derived from them, but it does seem so hard to get them to provide room enough for them to do their work in. Some seventeen years of experience have taught me that plenty of room is just as essential as warmth. They really go hand in hand and should be combined in the construction of all poultry buildings; in fact, if they are not combined, the house is not modern.

All recommendations given herein are for winter use entirely. We need not worry much about the spring and summer months; nature assists us at such times, but fall and winter eggs are always more profitable, and if we expect these profits we must be prepared in advance, so that our winter layers are not caught out in the inclement weather, which is sure to come in its season.

### Location and Plans for Hen Houses

If a new house is to be erected its location is the first thing to consider. A south or southeast slope is to be preferred, principally to afford good drainage and to catch the early morning rays of "Old Sol," and, if possible, protected on the north and west by either a grove or some of the farm buildings. A stone foundation is preferable to setting the house on posts and skirting it around with boards. As to size, that must be determined by the number of fowls that are to be kept. Multiply the number of fowls you wish to keep by six, thus allowing six square feet for each fowl, which indeed is not too much.

Partition off, so that the roosting-room occupies only one-third of the whole amount of room, and have that built just as warm as you would build your own dwelling, because warmth in the roosting-room represents food, and there is little danger of getting them too warm. My houses are constructed so that two colonies occupy one roosting-room, they being kept apart by a lath partition (poultry netting is better). The doors are arranged so they open directly into the scratching-shed, which acts as a storm-shed to the roosting-room; all openings from the roosting-room, thus making the part of the house in which the fowls sleep warm and comfortable.

### Equipment of Roosting Room

Roost platforms and perches should be placed in the warmest part of the room, not forgetting conveniences in cleaning, etc. This platform, or dropping-board, as it is more commonly called, should not be over three feet from the floor. Nest boxes should be located somewhere in the roosting-room, always lower than the perches, so as to avoid the fowls going to roost on them. One word of caution right here, is not to have any of the furniture of a poultry house nailed there as a fixture; everything should be movable so that any time we wish to clean and treat for the little red mite, or general

cleaning up is desired, there is nothing to hinder us and no hiding-places for these little pests. This applies especially to the nest boxes—never think of nailing them.

I use just rude boxes of the proper dimensions, set loosely on a platform not too high from the ground floor, each box being an individual by itself, which makes it easy to clean. Do not have too many of these boxes. Generally a house is furnished with more than are needed.

### The Scratching-Shed

Where single colonies are kept, only one shed need be erected, always to the east or west of the roosting-room and just twice as large. Although this scratching-shed is cheaply built, only a single thickness of matched boards, closed in on all sides, it is really the most important of the whole house. It is their kitchen; it is where we want them to spend most of their time during the day.

Now as to windows, put them in for the purpose of light only, not for heat, as many do. If you do, you will be sadly disappointed. Put in just what you need for light only, and have those right down near the bottom sill, so as to get the light on the floor where the fowls are. One window, 9x12, twelve lights, is plenty of light for thirty-five fowls. You may put as many windows in the shed as you wish, but be sure to hang them all on sash bolts, so that a thorough airing can be given each day as the fowls are busy working in the sheds. The roosting-room, especially where the fowls sleep, should be thoroughly aired if possible each day.

### Yards

I wish to emphasize with all might that a house is never complete without a yard; no matter how small the house, it is not complete unless the yard is attached to the south to correspond to the size of the house. Not that I advise the yarding of fowls on the farm where an abundance of range can be given, but there are times when we need yards, and if we do not have them the fowls suffer in consequence. My winter yards are sixteen feet wide by forty-eight feet long, but where summer yarding is practiced I have them at least three times as large, so that green food will grow in them the entire season, thus affording a good, large range.

### To Get Winter Eggs

If you have the right kind of hens and give them the right kind of care, egg-production becomes largely a matter of feeding. Give your hens the right kind of food and they can hardly help laying. The most important food element for hens, and the one that is hardest to get, is protein. Nature supplies protein in the bugs and worms which hens eat so greedily in summer; in winter you must supply it in some other form. The cheapest and most effective way is to feed fresh cut raw bone. It supplies protein and lime, and also has a peculiar tonic effect that increases the egg production. If you have never investigated this subject, send to F. W. Mann Co., Milford, Mass., Box 54, for their booklet on "Bugs and Worms." It is the best thing we know of on feeding for eggs. Get it and find out how record-breaking results are obtained.



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# Consolidation of Country Schools

(Continued from page 9)

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The grounds were planned by Prof. J. C. Blair, chief of horticulture of the Illinois college at Urbana. The scheme makes provision for a boys' playground, girls' playground, little folks' playground, and experimental plots of ground for the entire school. It provides also for the planting of many varieties of trees, shrubs, and flowers.

## School Levy

The school tax levied for 1903-1904 for all purposes was \$2,800. This is a rate of nearly two per cent for building and operating expenses. The school law permits a maximum levy of five per cent annually for both purposes. Of this sum of \$2,800 the amount of \$1,000 is for the first payment of building bonds of \$700 and \$280 interest on the full account. This levy of \$1,000 for building purposes amounts to only about 13 cents per acre annually on 7,680, and if the entire amount of \$7,000 were paid in a single year, it would amount to about 92 cents per acre. And it is not too much to claim that this new school adds at least 92 cents per acre. Offers have been made recently for farms of several dollars increase per acre by outside parties who wished to move into this district and educate their children. The offers in every case have been refused.

## Advantages of Consolidation

1. There will result that inspiration and interest that always comes from numbers. A school of eight or ten pupils is not calculated to stimulate a boy or girl to do the best work. With only one in the class, there is not that competition and rivalry which calls forth all the powers of the child.
2. Stronger classes may be formed, giving the teacher more time for the recitation and the necessary instruction.
3. It will result in greater economy in school buildings and equipment. It will cost less to keep one central building than several scattered school houses. The children will have the educational influence of a modern, sanitary, well-ventilated, well-lighted, and well-heated building, instead of present conditions. The first cost of such a building is not as great as that of the school houses of a single township.
4. There will be better teachers with better salaries.
5. The school year for the country child will be lengthened. The attendance

will be more regular. More pupils will be found getting the benefit of the money expended for education, and the per capita will be decreased.

6. A centralized school will afford time and opportunity for systematic instruction in the elementary principles of agriculture throughout the grades. With trained teachers working under the direction of the college of agriculture, such a school will be able to meet the demand for instruction in things relating to the farm. Here can be taught something with reference to feeding standards and selection of stock, fruit growing; constituents of plants; rotation of crops, etc.

7. Consolidation will help to bring better roads. As it is now, the farmers of Northern Illinois always manage to get a load of milk to the central creamery if it takes four horses. Is not a child deserving of as much consideration as a can of milk?

## Difficulties

The problem is how to get the country people to see the advantages. The difficulties are many, but not insurmountable. The time has come for the improvement of the country school. To my mind this can best be done by consolidation. How shall I make others see the matter in the same way? A thorough study of consolidation; an earnest appreciation of the difficulties; a practical knowledge of farm life; a continual study of the advanced methods of farming and the results of scientific investigations with reference to agriculture; a steadfast devotion to duty; courage, sympathy, tact, enthusiasm, a tireless energy, and a hope that never flags are some of the things necessary for the county superintendent who wishes to create a new educational ideal with reference to the country school and the country child.

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# THE WEALTH OF HEALTH

## Importance of Avoiding Exposure

By Dudley Fulton, M. D.

The heat-producing and regulating mechanism of the higher animals maintains a normal, constant temperature of the body. This temperature (about 98.6 degrees F. in man) is maintained at all seasons of the year, and under all the varied external influences that reach the body.

The cold-blooded animals do not have this mechanism; consequently, their temperature is not constant, but varies with the temperature of the external world. This production and regulation of heat is at once one of the most important and delicate mechanisms of the human body. Heat is also being constantly dissipated through the peripheral, or surface, blood vessels. These blood vessels are under the immediate control of the nervous system. When heat is applied to the body, it causes a dilation of the blood vessels, and more blood is brought from the internal organs to the periphery. As a result, the skin is warmed and flushed. The temperature of the skin is raised by this warmer blood from the internal organs. The temperature of the internal organs is lowered by the blood which is cooled at the surface and returns to the central organs.

When cold is applied to the body, the

opposite results. The nerves telegraph to the center that heat must not be dissipated so recklessly; that it is needed, and none must be lost. Consequently the surface, or peripheral, blood vessels are so constricted that less blood passes from the internal organs to the surface, and as a result the skin becomes blanched and cooled.

Sudden exposure to cold, therefore, such as is produced by the common very bad habit of stepping from a warm room into a chilly winter atmosphere, without additional wraps for protection, drives the blood from the surface, and the skin is chilled, the internal organs become congested by the excess of blood, the head aches, a cold is taken, and the liability of contracting graver diseases is greatly increased.

There is no question that many thoughtless persons have laid the foundation for consumption, pneumonia, bronchitis, and many other serious troubles by this and other similar careless habits. The importance of care in this matter cannot be too frequently emphasized.

The other extreme—that of wearing too much clothing at all times—is also to be avoided, as it increases the liability and danger upon exposure. The

extreme vigor and hardiness of the native Indian, notwithstanding his limited wardrobe, in the coldest seasons of the year, bear evidence to the fact that civilized people wear too many clothes, and that bodily resistance is largely a matter of education and habit.

A cold morning bath increases ability to resist exposure very much, and is to many proof against colds and other ailments peculiar to winter and damp weather.

## Breathing Through the Nose

By A. B. Olson, M. D.

Nature designed the nose for the inflow and outflow of the breath during breathing. The air is warmed by going through the nasal passages more than by going through the mouth. It is also more easily moistened, and hence less irritating to the delicate tissues of the lungs.

Air contains more or less foreign particles, which are removed by passing through the nostrils. Again, noxious odors and injurious gases are better detected when the air enters the nose. Indeed, the air is more acceptable to the lungs when breathed through the nose, and less liable to be harmful.

# HOME RECREATIONS

## For Thanksgiving Evening Entertainment

(No more important subject can engage the attention of a home magazine and writers for the same than that of home recreations. In the larger villages and cities there are amusements and diversions of all kinds, and many of them not the best, all tending to wear people away from the sacred fireside altars. Hence in all such places attractive home recreations should be constant, whereby the home shall be made so bright and sunny that young and old will prefer its cheer and shelter to all questionable allurements without. In rural communities the diversions outside the home are not so numerous and are usually less objectionable. In such localities life is apt to become insufferably dull and monotonous unless parents do their utmost, thoughtfully and sympathetically, to provide themselves and their children with home entertainments that shall be both edifying, diverting, and amusing. Herewith is presented a pleasing suggestion for a happy home—Thanksgiving entertainment. In later numbers other helpful suggestions will be made in Vick's along the line of home recreations.—Editor.)

### My Lady Chrysanthemum

My Lady Chrysanthemum, dainty and fair,  
Has myrtle-green garments and golden glad hair.

She tripped in so gaily when roses were done,  
And captured our love with a smile from the sun.

She sent out her children in alley and street,  
They nodded from windows, they smiled at our feet.

Their simple, glad manners, so child-like and bland,  
Insured them a welcome in all the broad land.

Both old folks and children rejoiced when they came,  
And thought the chrysanthemum worthy of fame.

They took them to banquets, oh, gloriously dressed,  
And men, women, children, their beauty confessed.

Round fair bridal tables they nodded their plumes,  
And clustered so purely round altars and tombs.

They stood in silk chambers so silent and light,  
And nodded to baby in her cradle of white.

Why is it, we wondered, these guests from Japan,  
So soon win the praise of child, woman and man?

And then we discovered their gift from above—  
They came for our comfort, from motives of love.

When all the sky darkens, when leaves fall away,  
When roses are vanquished and snowdrops decay.

My Lady Chrysanthemum came from Japan,  
And said, "I've a mission of blessing to man."

Her children came over across the dark wave,  
And love makes the welcome that all lovers crave;

And so, lift your hands up and give them a cheer,  
To say you are glad the Chrysanthemum's here.

### IN CONCERT.

So teach us your lesson, dear flowers of the fall,  
So sweetly, so gently, to one and to all,  
That we, too, may comfort when hopes die away,  
And be like thy blossoms through a winter-like day.

Why not have a real, old-fashioned Thanksgiving evening? It need not require a great amount of planning to make the evening of a happy day the crown of its rejoicing. To eat and drink and be merry is not the sole object of Thanksgiving Day. If the original purpose is lost sight of in loaded tables and family reunions, we shall be the losers, whether we realize it or not. An evening of the right kind of entertainment will supply something for mind and heart and supplement the feast that was afforded at the well-laden board.

Do you sing? Then plan for an old-fashioned song service, in which you may recall the comforts for which you should offer praise. The best of blessings is "Home, Sweet Home." Follow the song with a charade on some word of gratitude, praise, or rejoicing.

Have you children? Call upon one or two of them to repeat some pretty poem or recitation, or recite something yourself.

### A Tableau

Could you arrange for a tableau? Represent autumn in the person of one of your lovely dark-eyed girls, draping her in clinging, yellow garments (a la



Grecian) and veiling her form in purple illusion, crown her with autumn leaves, give her a scepter of dried goldenrod, pile about her feet the fruits and vegetables of the year, elevate her on a hidden ottoman, turn down the lights, and as she stands in a graceful, airy position, illuminate her with rose or purple calcium lights. Have some one read Longfellow's poem on "Autumn," accompanied by low music on piano, organ, violin, guitar, or mandolin.

Put in another rounder of general singing of familiar songs, such as "Suwanee River," "Dixie Land," or some tender hymn, like "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord."

Let the young folks give you another charade on the name of some vegetable, fruit, or autumn flower.

If you could cut the verses out beforehand, and either have the natural flowers or make paper chrysanthemums, the poem introducing this article could be utilized to advantage. Select eight children, and let each one learn a verse, dividing the fourth verse between two children in costume of nurse and bride, and let the last verse be recited in concert. Let each of the other children be dressed in green paper, arranged like leaves by crumpling and tying around the waist. Let the first child wear several yellow blossoms, with four or five towering above her head. Let the next child wear the same number in various shades, then in turn, red, white, purple, pink, garnet, until all are arrayed. The flower effect can be heightened, by taking pains to stand each child in a box, covered with terra cotta colored paper. In the cheer let all recite the last verse, waving flowers. Place before the nurse chrysanthemum a dainty cradle. Either a baby's or a doll's cradle will do.

Have a song after this, "Scatter Seeds of Kindness," or something else of a kindly nature, that will send home the meaning of the poem.

#### "The Witche's Daughter"

Have some one read "The Witch's Daughter," by Whittier, accompanied by soft, weird music, and plan for an appropriate tableau, as "Esek" brings "Mabel" into the husking, announcing her as his chosen bride.

Follow this with the solo, "The Arrow," by Longfellow.

Represent Evangeline's betrothal with appropriate tableau. Let the part of the poem that describes it be read, and the scene will suggest itself.

Sing Longfellow's "Bride," or "The Day Is Done," while arranging for a tableau of the death of Gabriel. Let some one recite the closing part of the poem, beginning with "In that delightful land which is washed by the Delaware's waters," to the poem's end, omitting such parts as can be spared without marring the unity of the story. Represent in the tableau the scene in the hospital, Gabriel on a couch dying as an old man, Evangeline as a nun kneeling beside him, with face upraised, saying, "Father, I thank thee."

Have a quartette sing the chant, "The Reaper." Close by some cheerful song in harmony with the general theme or the feeling of the entertainment: "Sweet By and By," "Awake My Soul, in Joyful Lays," or some good popular ballad, such as your taste and circumstances dictate.

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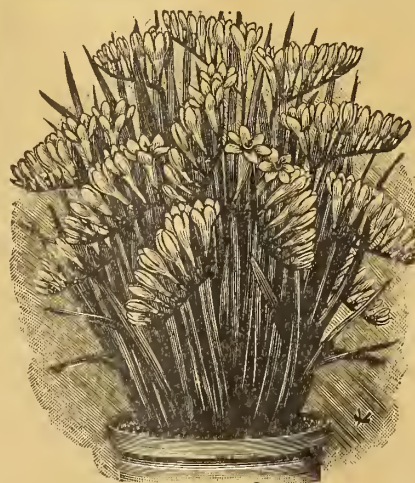
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There is a spacious porch, a cozy little reception hall, with a built-in seat, which has a hinged lid and so provides an excellent place for rubbers and such articles. Opening off the hall by a cascd opening is the sitting-room, which is of fair size and is provided with a fireplace, which has tile facings and hearth. Above the mantel-shelf would be a beveled plate mirror. Back of the sitting-room is the dining-room, which is connected with the sitting-room with a pantry, which is equipped with shelving, flour bins, drawers, and cupboards.

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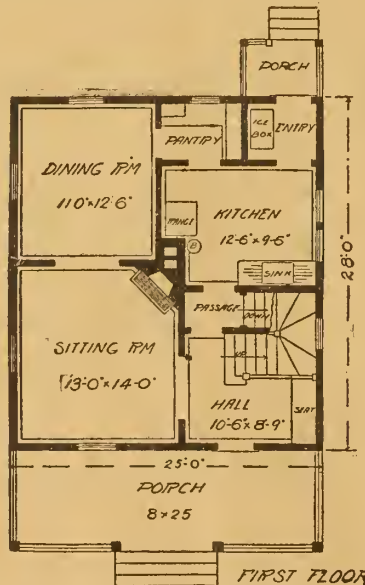


In the second story there are three chambers and bathroom and ample closets are obtained under the eaves in roof. The lowest height in the front and back rooms is 6 feet 6 inches, the middle room being full height. A linen

would be of siding, with shingles used in the gables. A very good color scheme would be a gray for the body of the first story and white trimming, staining the shingles in the gables a dark brown and using the white for trim. The same stain on the roof shingles would also look very well, or a dark green would be effective.

The estimate of cost includes double floors throughout and the exterior walls back plastered. There is also an ash pit in the basement to receive the fireplace ashes.

Following is a schedule of prices used in making the estimate of cost, and by comparing these prices with those pre-



closet is provided, which has shelving and three drawers.

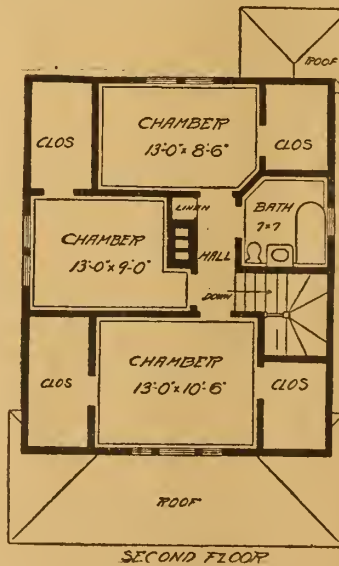
The house contains a complete set of plumbing, the fixtures of which are modern, exposed, and warranted. In the basement, which extends under the entire house, is provided a hot air heater, and in connection with same is a complete ventilating system, coal bins, and vegetable rooms are also arranged in the basement, and if desired, a laundry can be finished off. The cellar has a concrete cement floor.

The finish of the house, included in the estimate of cost, is of pine, and may be either painted or stained. Hardwood floors have been included for the entire house, with the exception of the kitchen, pantry, entry and closets. There is some attic space, sufficient for storage, and a scuttle is provided to same from the second story hall.

The front door, which has a large beveled plate glass in same, and the stair treads would be of hardwood.

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(Continued from page nine.)

twenty men fully armed and carrying axes and a day's rations, were ordered to proceed to a point about twelve miles up the river, where a large grove of cotton trees was discovered, and to cut them down. The road ran due north along the bottom lands, skirted on the left by the woods and on the right by a bluff, composed to a great extent of immense rocks and many cave-like caverns. The squad got into a wagon drawn by a six-mule team and leisurely proceeded on their way. Scarcely had they passed the Indian village when Wyona came running after them like a deer. She waved something in her hand and shouted: "Jack, oh, Jack, I must speak to you." Sergeant Ruck ordered the teamster to stop the wagon, jumped out, and asked his wife what the trouble was. Wyona gave him the thing she held in her hand, which proved to be a small piece of tanned buffalo skin, very similar to parchment, and on it was painted a crude picture of an Indian in the act of scalping a soldier.

Wyona explained that an Indian boy had thrown it into her tent, after he had left, and ran away as fast as he could.

"Jack," she pleaded, "do not go to-day; this is Hun-ka-haska's doings. He has certainly hatched some plot to kill you."

The sergeant tenderly kissed and comforted her, and told her that it was an idle threat; that he must do his duty whatever the consequences; the soldiers were well armed, and her rejected suitor would not dare to make trouble for himself and his tribe. He bid her to return to camp, and promised to be careful and on his guard. The squad resumed their journey and reached their destination without further interruption. Before the men started in to work, Sergeant Ruck assembled them about him and said: "Boys, don't spread out too much in the woods. Keep as close together as possible, because no one can tell what may happen. Look well to your guns and ammunition and have them in easy reach. I shall blow a whistle when anything occurs of an alarming nature, and you will fall in at once right here where we are now. I shall remain here with the wagon. Corporals Wagner and Hamilton, you will keep your eyes open, remain near your men, and in case of danger fire a gun. Now, boys, go to work."

After the men had gone, Ruck shouldered his gun, walked up and down at a brisk rate, with faithful Tuck at his heels. The solitude in this wild region was oppressive, nothing could be heard but the stroke of the soldiers' axes in the distance. So time passed on until nearly noon, when all of a

sudden the report of a gun was heard in the distance. Ruck was on the alert in a moment. He brought down his gun to a charge, blew his whistle, and awaited developments. Tuck commenced to bark and made a dash for the woods. Then the firing became more furious, drew nearer and nearer, and presently Corporal Wagner and half a dozen men broke through the underbrush out into the road.

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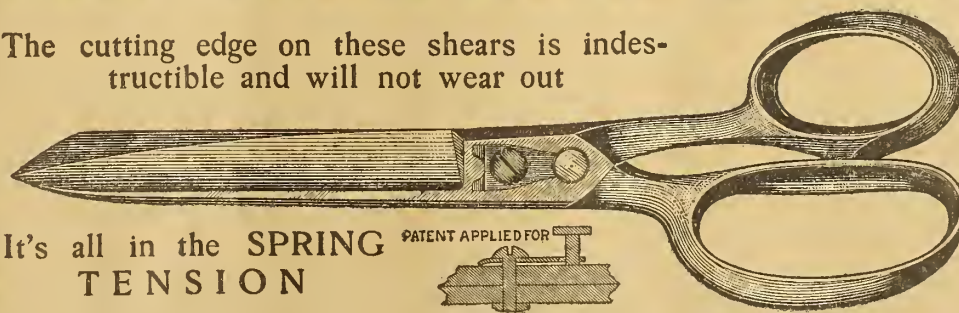
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# FOR THE WEE ONES

## A Thanksgiving Story

By Loretta Reisman

"Would you like a true story today, they were visiting together, Priscilla children?" asked Miss True, one day said to him:

early in November. Little black-eyed John in the front seat, generally foremost in everything, promptly responded, in a pleading tone, "Oh, yes! and let us play it, too—please do!" Such eager tones are hard to resist, and Miss True answered: "Perhaps you may, but we must have the story first. See, John, the children are all waiting. If you sit still, you may be John Alden when we play the story. You are not like him; for he had fair hair and blue eyes—"

"But my name's John," he said, fearing that Miss True had changed her mind. "Yes, but we will have the story, now," she answered, and then began: "Hundreds of years ago there were no white people in this country. Its only inhabitants were the Indians, who lived among the wild animals and birds."

"Did Hiawatha and Nokomis live here, too?" eagerly asked the irrepressible John.

Miss True nodded, and continued: "But there were white people living away across the 'shining big sea-water' in a country called England, thousands of miles from here. They were ruled by a king who did not like some of his subjects. They wanted to do right, so they went to Holland, a country not far from England. The people there spoke a different language; and the men from England said, 'If we stay here, our children will marry among these people, and our grandchildren will speak this Dutch language, and we shall not be able to understand them.' So they sailed away from that country in a boat called the 'Mayflower.' The women and children stayed on the 'Mayflower,' while the men went ashore to cut down trees and build log houses. The 'Mayflower' could not go back across the ocean that winter; for it was only a sailboat. Here is a picture of it, and here is a little boat like Hiawatha's canoe. They had to get into a canoe when they went ashore; for the water was not deep enough for the 'Mayflower' to go close to shore. The men built seven log houses and a strong fort. They called the place 'Plymouth,' the name of their home in England. The large rock on which they stepped when getting out of the canoe, they called 'Plymouth Rock.'

"That was a terrible winter. The Pilgrims did not have much food, and the weather was so bitterly cold that many of them sickened, and half of them died. They buried their dear ones at night, so that the Indians would not know they were becoming so few in number. The next year they planted their grain over the graves, so the Indians would not know the graves were there."

"There was a beautiful young lady in this company of brave men and women, named Priscilla Molines, whose father and mother and brothers and sisters all died that winter. Then she went about helping the others care for their sick ones. Every one loved her. Can you guess why? But when spring came, she was often very lonely. John Alden and John Alden were the poet's great, was kind to her; and one time when

"I've been dreaming all night and thinking all day of the hedgerows of England—"

They are in blossom now, and the country is all like a garden—

Thinking of lanes and fields, and the song of the lark and the linnet, Seeing the village street, and familiar faces of neighbors

Going about as of old, and stopping to gossip together;

And at the end of the street, the village church, with the ivy

Climbing the gray tower, and the quiet graves in the churchyard.

Kind are the people I live with, and dear to me my religion;

Still my heart is so sad that I wish myself back in Old England.

You will say it is wrong, but I cannot help it; I almost

Wish myself back in Old England, I feel so lonely and wretched."

"Then John Alden said he did not think it was wrong for her to wish it; for stouter hearts than a woman's had quailed in that terrible winter. He tried to comfort her; but he was lonely and homesick, too, and when the 'Mayflower' was ready to sail back to England one day, he went on board, with the sailors, and thought he would go back to his parents and brothers and sisters. The Pilgrims all came down to the shore to see the 'Mayflower' off, Priscilla among the rest, and she looked so sad and lonely that John would not go away and leave her."

The Indians came to see the Pilgrims sometimes; and Samoset, a good Indian, gave them some corn to plant. They had never seen any before. One time some savage Indians sent a challenge of war, and the Pilgrims became frightened; but among them was the stout captain, Miles Sandish, who settled all their troubles with the Indians. He had twelve soldiers among the Pilgrims, and they protected the settlement.

"After the 'Mayflower' had sailed out of sight, on its way back to England, the Pilgrims went back to their homes, where they worked industriously in their fields and gardens, and at spinning and weaving. Priscilla could spin, and weave, and knit, and sew. When autumn came, there was a good harvest; and when it had been gathered, Governor Bradford invited his neighbors, and an Indian chief, Massasoit by name, with his warriors, to come to a feast. The Indians came, ninety of them, decked out in paint and feathers, but friendly. The men and the warriors went into the woods and killed deer and wild turkeys. They also had nuts and wild grapes from the woods. Priscilla helped the women cook the turkeys and venison, and made puddings and pumpkin pies. The Indians stayed a week with the Pilgrims."


"Mr. Longfellow, who wrote 'Hiawatha,' wrote a long poem about Priscilla and John Alden and Miles Sandish. It is a true story, too; for Priscilla and John Alden and John Alden were the poet's great, was kind to her; and one time when

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# THOUGHTS FOR EVENTIME

## FORGIVENESS

By Eldene Small

She stretched repentant hands out to the world,  
This erring woman, heartsick and alone;  
The picture, mutely sad, brought not a tear—  
She had no kindly word in any tone.  
The strictly proper world held back its skirts  
And spurned her as it hurried coldly by.  
'Tis thus we raise the fallen one and weak—  
'Tis thus we greet home-turning, you and I.

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The straggling sunshine falls in golden gleams  
Across the furrowed brow, now cold and white.  
Above the pulseless breast the poor hands lie—  
For she went from us in the silent night.  
The world which had no sympathy for her  
On yesterday, will neither know nor care;  
But on the pallid face a smile of peace  
Tells us she found forgiveness Over There!

## November

November days are short, November skies are gray. The clouds hang low and are full of snow; the fields and trees are brown, with here and there a dark-green meadow or wheat field. All the colors of November are somber. The winds blow; but the fallen leaves are wet and heavy, and do not race along the road as when chased by the Indian summer zephyrs of October. The gloom of the darkening afternoon settles early over the scene. Yet the more chill, and drear, and uninviting it is without, still in a greater degree is it bright and delightful within. Home firelight is all the brighter when days are dark. The fireside is the warmer when cold winds whistle about the eaves, and drift the early snows before the door.

So when November days come upon the heart, and drear December, with wintry chill, seems about to shed its congealing blight on all our joys, then is the time to retire within, where the fires of love burn bright, and shed their happy warmth around. Then it matters little how the winds of adversity blow. There is within a cozy nook to which their benumbing blasts can never reach. But as he who would escape the November winds must have a home-hearth where the fire burns warmly bright, so, to be protected from the autumn frosts that betoken from the coming winter of life, one must have a heart where the fires of love for God and man have long been lighted and brightly burning. Youth is the time to light those fires. Light them in the home and light them in the heart. Let them be the sacred vestal fires, which burn forever.

## Rest Time

This is the rest time of the year, and the days are very short. The sun's slanting rays strike the earth in such a way that they spread themselves over so large a surface that they cannot warm it as they did in the summer, when they shone directly upon it. Jack Frost, too, is abroad in the land, spreading the snow as a warm covering over the seeds, grass and flowers, which are now taking their long winter sleep.

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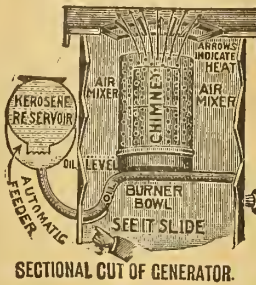
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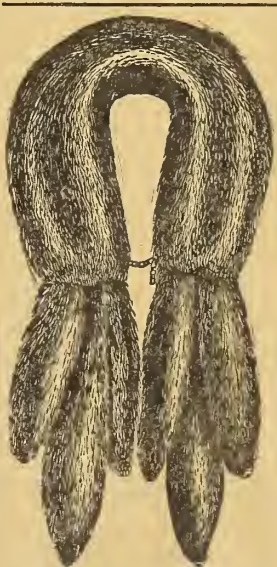
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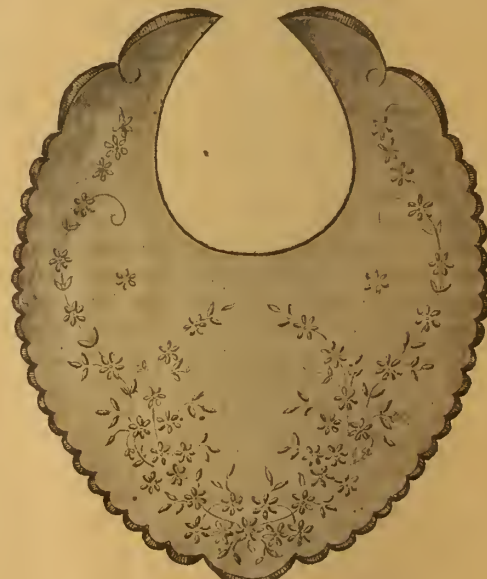
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No. 2329



Nos. 2348-2308





No. 2348

### Infant's Shoes

The little shoes shown in figure No. 2329 are stamped on a fine but firm art linen, pure white. The ribbon may be embroidered solid, with satin stitch, or it may be outlined. The forget-me-nots should be embroidered in shades of blue Filo silk. The scalloped edges on the top and fronts of the shoes should be worked with buttonhole stitches. The ribbon may be tied at top of the shoes or it may be laced down the fronts through small eyelets made for this purpose.

### Embroidered Hair Receiver

No prettier gift could be devised for a friend than the little article illustrated in figure No. 2308. The receiver cover is stamped on fine sheer white lawn. The design is an arrangement of rosebuds, softly tinted in natural shades.

### Recipe Case

The recipe case, figure No. 2348, is one of the most useful as well as practical novelties I have seen this season. The two covers, the cardboard foundation for the covers, the six gold stamped envelopes for holding recipes, prized by the housewife, and the fancy paper lining for the inside of the covers, are sent, put up neatly, ready for embroidering. A complete lesson, which is furnished free of charge, is also included.

### An Embroidered Toilet Cushion

The little cushion shown in figure No. 2310, has two covers, one on the under and one on the upper side of the round cushion. The two covers are laced together with narrow ribbon, which is run through eyelets made for this purpose. The under cover has the edge scalloped only. The upper cover has a design of yellow Scotch roses, softly tinted in natural colors, in addition to the scalloped edge.

### Bull-Dog Match Scratcher

The small round match scratcher shown in figure No. 2317 will make a welcome gift to one's gentlemen friends or to the men in one's own family. The design requires outline stitch only. A completed lesson for making up and embroidering is furnished free.

### Additional Designs for Novelties

In the Premium Art Book mentioned at the beginning of this article, can be found almost innumerable other designs for Christmas novelties. Regarding the designs illustrated in this department, any reader may obtain them by addressing the editor of this department, care of Vick's Magazine.



No. 2310

### Needlework Shopping Service

Figure No. 2383, ready to make up, each, 15 cents.

Figure No. 2334, ready to embroider and make up, each, 15 cents.

Figure No. 2329, ready to embroider and make up, each, 15 cents.

Figure No. 2308, tinted, ready to make up, each, 20 cents.

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Figure No. 2317, tinted, ready to embroider and make up, each, 30 cents.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT—Vick's Magazine is indebted to Hon. Geo. McKerrrow, superintendent of Wisconsin Farmers' Institute, for the loan of the two half-tone cuts on page 8 of the October issue.—EDITOR.



No. 2314

# A PRIZE FOR YOU

Two beautiful full size 16x20 pictures and a package of ten handsomely colored post cards given FREE to all answering this advertisement in good faith. Write to-day.



Wouldn't you like a PRIZE of this handsome, elegant, attractive set of dishes? Of course you would. The set consists of 42 pieces embellished with YOUR INITIAL IN PURE GOLD, making the whole set the pride and joy of every housekeeper fortunate enough to possess it. YOU CAN WIN THIS PRIZE AND IT WON'T COST YOU A CENT. We are giving the dishes away FREE for a very little effort. Think how nice to have this dinner set in your china closet! Think how proud you can feel to have them on your table when company comes!

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You can easily win BOTH of these valuable prizes. One lady writes: "I am very much pleased with my prize set. It is very much better than I ever expected to get. Any one can see for themselves by looking at the set I received that there are no cheap articles put out by you." Another lady writes: "Received prize set O. K. Am very much pleased with it. It is much nicer than I thought it would be. I thank you very much. I am going to earn another set."

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## The Homes of Rural America

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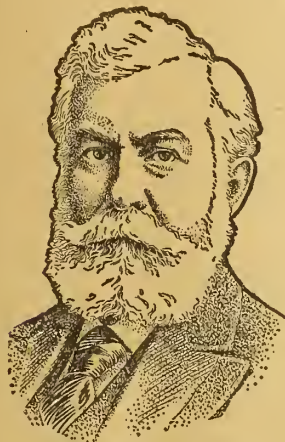


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## The Homes of Rural America

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Dinner over, the men went out to lounge under the apple trees, save the deacon and the owner of the thrasher outfit, who retired to the "settin'-room." "Them," said the deacon, "is portraits of my father an' mother. A travelin' feller did 'em in ile fer five dollars apiece. It was putty expensive, but a feller owes somethin' to his ancestors, ye know." And the deacon pointed, with ill-concealed pride, to a pair of malicious daubs that would have done credit to the chamber of horrors of a dime museum.

"Yes, them's putty good," assented the other, "but fer my part, I likes chromos better than iles. The chromo has a glossy finish that makes it hard fer flies to roost onto it. Now that is what I call art," and the thrasher-man pointed to a green-eyed Madonna, clad in a yellow and white robe, and leaning against a manger, from which a blue cow was diligently eating amber-colored hay. The Madonna's hair was frizzled in the style prevailing at the date of the print, and she held in her arms a babe that, from its size and general appearance, must have been at least three years old. Above each was a gilt halo. The cow looked neglected; she had no halo.

"Yes," admitted the deacon, "that's putty fine. Ma sets considerable store by it. I think the expression is mighty life-like."

"Yes," said the thrasher-man, gazing with chin between thumb and finger, and with the general air of a connoisseur, "I never seed a caow that looked more like life."

The floor was covered with clean rag-carpet; there was a "whatnot" in one corner, on which were arrayed bunches of cattails and teasel, wreaths of everlasting flowers, a stuffed owl that had lost one eye, fragments of erstwhile fine china, one or two old samplers, and a whale's tooth that a seafaring brother of the deacon had brought from the southern seas. There was a slightly musty odor about the room; for it was kept religiously closed, except on extraordinary occasions.

"Wheat's turnin' out putty middlin' good this year, deacon," ventured the owner of the thrasher outfit, descending from art to more familiar themes.

"Yes," said the deacon, "the yield's good enough, but the 'ain't no decent price. 'Pears to me that if things goes on this way, we'll come to ruin," and he looked out over his hundred acres of glorious fields, and experienced the sweet internal satisfaction of knowing that he was a liar. \* \* \*

By Saturday night the wheat had all been threshed. The traction engine, drawing its train of water-wagon and separator, had disappeared down the level road, leaving only a faint line of smoke, that hung, like the track of some fire-god, in the hazy sky. The roadside goldenrod peered over the fence into the farmyard and waved to the coxcombs in the yard, as some twilight-exploring bug wiped the yellow dust from his wings and took flight from his golden bed. There were splendid splashes of orange and crimson in the west, and by and by the dusk turned on the incandescent stars.

Down the hill from the church came The Classic and The Gingham Gowned.

There was a light in their faces that shines but once from the human soul. "Wheat turned out well this year," he was saying. "Father gave me an interest in it, and I have bought the forty over 'longside the old school house." "What!" she said, cheerfully, turning to pluck a shadowy goldenrod, "the forty with the fence-corner where we used to have our playhouse at recess, years ago?"

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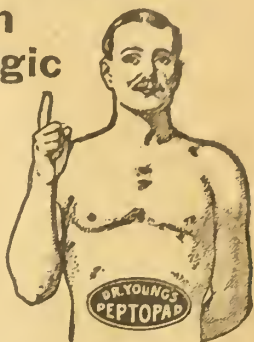
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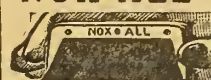


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## The Country Life Commission

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that is the first in time and importance. First of all we must have food. But after that has been achieved is there nothing more to be done? It seems to me clear that farmers have as much to gain from good organization as merchants, plumbers, carpenters, or any of the other trades and businesses of the United States.

"But after the farmer has begun to make use of his right to combine for his advantage in selling his products and buying his supplies, is there nothing else he can do? As well might we say that, after the body and the mind of a boy have been trained, he should be deprived of all those associations with his fellows which make life worth living, and to which every child has an inborn right. Life is something more than a matter of business. No man can make his life what it ought to be by living it merely on a business basis. There are things higher than business. There ought then to be attractiveness in country life such as will make the country boy or girl want to live and work in the country, such that the farmer will understand that there is no more dignified calling than his own, none that makes life better worth living. The social or community life of the country should be put by the farmer, for no one but himself can do it for him, on the same basis as social life in the city, through the country churches and societies, through better roads, country telephones, rural free delivery, parcels post, and whatever else will help. The problem is not merely to get better crops, not merely to dispose of crops better, but, in the last analysis, to have happier and richer lives of men and women on the farm."

This is certainly the soundest of sound doctrine—the true gospel of the enjoyable farm home. Mr. Pinchot's criticism as to the inadequacy of the work done by the agricultural colleges and departments of agriculture as to the betterment of social or community life among farmers and their families applies with equal if not greater force to the agricultural press. In most publications of this class nearly all the matter therein relates to the increased production of better things on the farm—grains, vegetables, stock, etc.—but very little, indeed, has any relation to the production of that most important of all crops—a better boy crop and a better girl crop—the making of better and happier men and women on the farm. It is greatly to be hoped, therefore, that the Country Life Commission will be able to devise a means of inducing agricultural papers everywhere to give far more attention than they have hitherto done to this vastly important problem.

In his letter written August 10, 1908, informing each commissioner of his appointment, President Roosevelt makes timely observations on this important subject that will afford still more information as to the aims and mission of the Country Life Commission.

"I doubt if any other nation can bear comparison with our own in the amount of attention given by the government, both federal and state, to agricultural



matters. But practically the whole of this effort has hitherto been directed toward increasing the production of crops. Our attention has been concentrated almost exclusively on getting better farming. In the beginning this was unquestionably the right thing to do. The farmer must first of all grow good crops in order to support himself and his family. But when this has been secured the effort for better farming should cease to stand alone, and should be accompanied by the effort for better business and better living on the farm. It is at least as important that the farmer should get the largest possible return in money, comfort, and social advantage from the crops he grows as that he should get the largest possible return in crops from the land he farms. Agriculture is not the whole of country life. The great rural interests are human interests, and good crops are of little value to the farmer unless they open the door to a good kind of life on the farm.

"The farmers have hitherto had less than their full share of public attention along the lines of business and social life. There is too much belief among all our people that the prizes of life lie away from the farm. I am therefore anxious to bring before the people of the United States the question of securing better business and better living on the farm, whether by co-operation between farmers for buying, selling, and borrowing; by promoting social advantage and opportunities in the country, or by any other legitimate means that will help to make country life more gainful, more attractive and fuller of opportunities, pleasures and rewards for the men, women, and children of the farm."

One of the most encouraging developments in this splendid movement for an improved social rural life is that President Roosevelt's appointment of the Country Life Commission has met with all but universal commendation. Gratifying evidence of this is afforded by a recent dispatch from Washington to this effect: President Roosevelt's mail is stacked high these days with letters concerning the Commission on Country Life, which he recently created, and the number of communications on the subject is growing greater daily. A rather strange feature of this correspondence, considering the far-reaching significance of the commission, is that so far it has contained no word of adverse comment from any quarter. The suggestions are all constructive, and many of them will prove of great help to the commission when it formulates its plans of campaign.

## Golden Head's Sermon

By Fannie Sprague Talbot

We were sitting in a corner  
By the firelight's ruddy glow,  
While without the wind was piling  
'Gainst the windows heaps of snow.  
Golden Head, my little neighbor,  
As he snuggled to me tight,  
Pressed a kiss upon my forehead—  
When, just then a beam of light  
Showed to her the glistening teardrops  
That were welling in my eyes.  
"Why, now, Annie, what's the matter?"  
Quoth the wee one in surprise.

Then she strove to drown my sorrow  
With her pretty childish ways,  
Promising to show me many  
Lovely things in summer days;  
Telling of the dainty flowers  
And the birds, and fish, and bees,  
And the "funny little green things  
Playing fiddles in the trees."  
So the little one continued  
To name all the blessings o'er,  
That would come to make me happy  
When the winter was no more.

Oh, the perfect faith of childhood!  
Could we keep it in the heart,  
All our burdens would be lightened,  
All our pain would lose its smart.  
As I drew the darling closer,  
Tears were quickly dashed away,  
And my dreams of utter darkness  
Were dispelled by light of day.  
To my ears there came a whisper—  
Had I heard it e'er before?  
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## ECLIPSE OF THE THORNTONS

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don't have the least bit of imagination, Charley. Eclipse sounds good, and I think Montmorency is a real pretty name. I've described Nan beautifully, and just as she really is, only I've called her Beatrice St. John—Ame is such a dreadfully common name, don't you think? But I've had to alter Bob a lot. He's named Reginald—or do you like Adelbert better? And of course I couldn't let him have red hair. His hair is rather red, you know, but I've made it black as a raven's wing, and he has 'soulful' eyes, and such a haughty air—"

"Who has? Bob?" demanded Charley. "Well, I like that! What do you call a haughty air?"

"Didn't I tell you it made him different? I have to alter some things, of course—they always do. And besides, Bob wouldn't like it if I put him in same as he is. He won't know it's him at all." Madge's grammar was getting weak in her impatience, but she went on eagerly. "And then of course by and by I shall have the Prince appear—the real Fairy Prince for Nan. And father'll come home all well, and with a big fortune that somebody out there has left him, and meantime Ethelwyn—that's me—will have more fame and fortune by her book, and he'll find her a celebrity and very distinguished, indeed. And he'll be so pleased, you can't think." Madge quite lost herself in delight over her own dreams.

"And what'll I have done?" demanded Charley. "You might let me do something, too, and not keep it all to yourself, I should think."

"Reginald Adelbert will have won a 'double first,' just as they do in English books—whatever that is," went on Madge musingly. "And I'll think up something for you, Charley. You might stop a runaway horse, perhaps, or save somebody from drowning, and get a Carnegie medal—how would that do?"

"Pooh! an old medal! What's the good of that? No, I shall discover some buried treasure somewhere; perhaps out in the yard in that dark corner over there. And I shall give it all to mother, except just enough to buy me a watch like Bob's. There'll be a whole lot, pots and pots of gold, and we'll all live like fighting cocks ever after." And Charley looked about him triumphantly. But this Madge could not allow.

"Who buried it?" she demanded promptly; "and what did they do it for? Nobody that had any money would ever have lived in such a place as this," looking scornfully about the dreary little yard. "I don't think that's a good scheme at all. You'd better let me have you do something so very brave that—that Mr. Carnegie'd adopt you, perhaps! How would that do?" beamingly.

But Charley would have none of it.

"Stuff! he won't," he said brusquely. "He's got folks of his own. No, if you can't think up anything better'n that, I won't be in your book at all."

"But you can't help it," cried poor Madge anxiously, "because you are in it. We all have to be! I'll think up something else," she added encouragingly.

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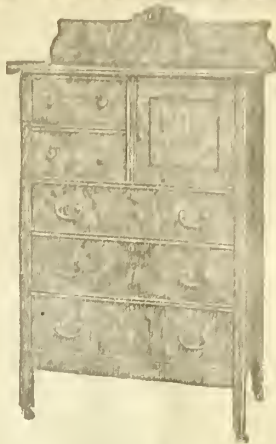




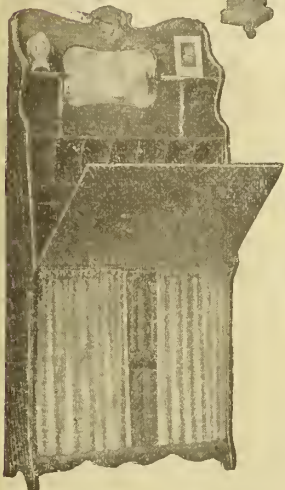
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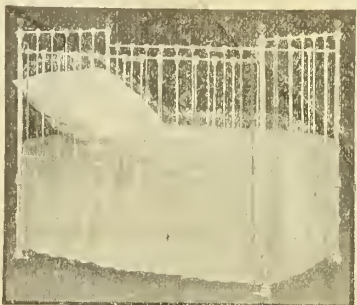
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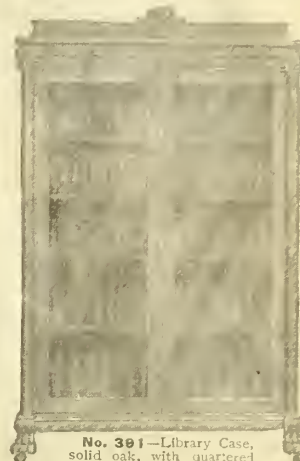


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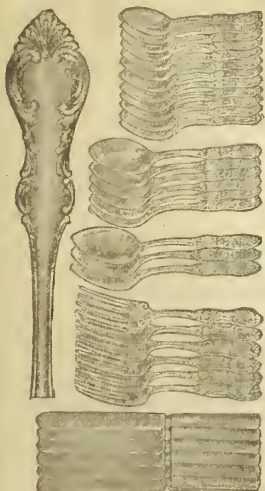
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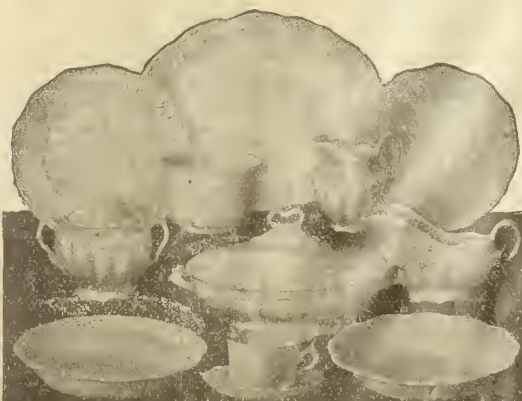
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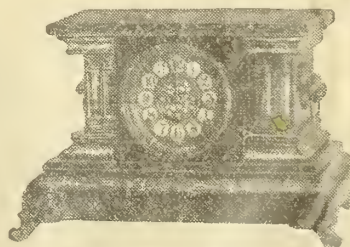
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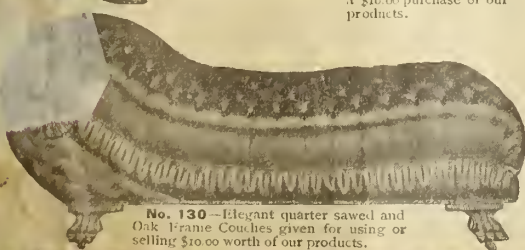
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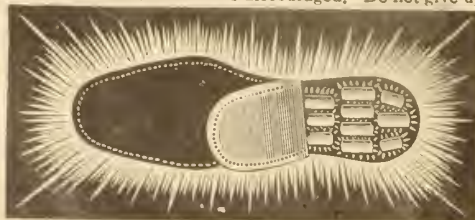
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#### BISHOP SAMUEL FALLOWS

Promise was also made of a "vivid description of Bethlehem of Judea" by the late Ira D. Sankey. This, too, appears, so also the interesting symposium on "Xmas Round the World." In addition to this, we present an unusual amount of most interesting fiction, floral, fashion, and household matter. And besides this, though wholly unannounced, we begin in this issue a most fascinating and powerful serial story,

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#### PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPLENDID ADDRESS

Before the Conservation Conference at Washington, also a symposium, consisting of opinions by some of the nation's most distinguished men on this subject, including President-Elect W. H. Taft, Hon. William J. Bryan, James J. Hill, Secretary Elihu Root, and others. In addition, this number will present several very delightful surprises. Among these will be a most attractive and artistic symbolic cover—one with a meaning, one worth more than a passing look, one worth studying.

#### SIX GREAT COMING NUMBERS

The publishers are planning a veritable feast of good things for VICK'S readers the first six months of 1909, and equally good things are in preparation for the second half of the year, though we are not in a position to make as definite announcements regarding the same as for the first six months. As already stated, the general subject of the January number will be: "Conservation," that for February will be: "The Orchard Bountiful," that for March: "Home Garden and Poultry," that for April: "The Country Beautiful," that for May: "The Woman's Club Movement," and that for June: "School and College Welfare." Most of these numbers will relate largely to the beauties and attractions of "God's great out-of-doors," and man's relation thereto, and all will treat in a positive and stimulating way of true social, intellectual, and industrial progress. Everyone who is desirous of keeping fully abreast with the great forward movement of our day will surely include VICK'S in their magazine list.

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## "WONDERFUL"

By BISHOP SAMUEL FALLOWS



OVER seven hundred years before the birth of the Messiah, it was said of Him, by the "Evangelical Prophet," Isaiah, "He shall be called wonderful." No terms could more fitly express the characterization of our Divine Redeemer, and the circumstances attendant upon His advent, His life, His death, His redemption, and His ascension into glory, than the word "wonderful."

Wonderful were the prophecies uttered respecting Him, scores of centuries before He was born, prophecies which increased in fullness, luminousness and particularity as the ages swept on. Their minutest details were found fulfilled in Him, who, alone, was the

*"Light of the prophets' learned lore,  
Lord of the patriarchs gone before."*

Wonderful were the "unconscious prophecies" of the vast empire of heathendom, voiced in the philosophies, predictions, and prayers of the best and noblest of its thinkers and sages. All were centered and answered in Christ Jesus, "the desire of all nations."

Wonderful the mystery of the Annunciation, the coming of the radiant angel to the astounded virgin, the meek, glad submissiveness of the "hand-maid of the Lord."

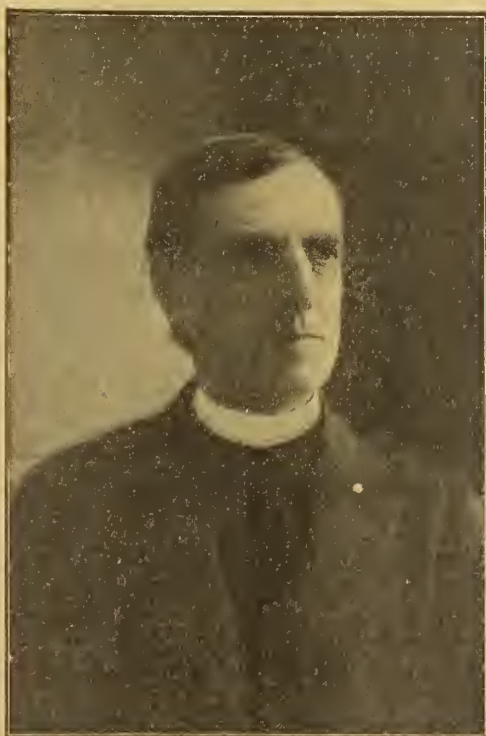
Wonderful that at the very tick of the clock of prophetic time, the birth-cry of the world's Deliverer should fall on the startled air.

Wonderful the "glad tidings of great joy," announced by the angelic visitant to the wondering shepherds, and the chorus of the celestial choir, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," and the finding of the babe in Bethlehem's manger. Wonderful the "Star in the East," the journeying of the three wise men from their distant Persian home, and the bending of these intellectual kings of Sheba and Seba before the cradle of the Christ-child, and the offering of the priestly and princely gifts of "gold and frankincense and myrrh," and the homage of the world's highest culture, and purest and deepest uninspired religious thought, to its infant occupant.

Wonderful that at the age of twelve he should be found in the Temple, in the midst of the most renowned teachers of learning, asking and answering the profoundest of questions.

Wonderful the miracles He performed on the sea and on the land, on the bodies and on the minds of men, proving His supreme mastery over every force of nature and over every faculty of the human soul.

Wonderful the truth which He taught with an originality, spirituality, authority, and



power never witnessed before; truth for all ages, conditions, and classes; truth yesterday, truth today, truth forever.

Wonderful that He never wrote a recorded word of this absolute and final system of truth; that uncultured disciples should take and treasure it up and then send it forth to shine, "not as a lamp, but as the sun in the firmament, whose going forth is from the end of Heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it, and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof."

Wonderful the Transfiguration, when the mightiest of earth's Law-Givers and the grandest of earth's Prophets came down upon the cloud-enwrapped mountain, and, with the Apostle of Light, the Apostle of Life, and the Apostle of Love, witnessed the outraying of the august splendors of indwelling Deity.

Wonderful the agony He endured in Gethsemane's garden, when, though the sinless and undaunted Leader of all earth's truest heroes, He sweat, as it were, great drops of blood, and prayed, "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me."

Wonderful His submission to the betrayal and scourging, the mocking and the smiting, and the most shameful and painful of deaths.

Wonderful that He who upheld the universe with the word of His power should faint beneath the burden of His cross.

Wonderful the scenes attending His crucifixion, the shuddering earth, the opening graves, the darkened sun, the centurion's cry, "Truly this is the Son of God!"

Wonderful that in that hour of exquisite torture, bearing the world's guilt upon His breaking heart, and its suffering upon His burdened soul, He should not forget His weeping mother, but, blending the affection which was human with the love which was divine, He should tenderly confide her to the care of the beloved John, the disciple that lay in His own breast.

Wonderful His resurrection from the dead and His appearance to His dismayed and now enheartened disciples.

Wonderful His ascension from Olivet to His native skies.

Wonderful the mighty works wrought in His matchless name, by His power-given Apostles, through their books and words and touch.

Wonderful that wherever two or three are met together for His worship, He is there in their midst.

Wonderful His nearness to every believing soul, in joy or sorrow, in pleasure or pain.

Wonderful His gracious waiting to welcome every returning prodigal to the Father's house and heart. God only knows the love of God; Christ only knows His love to man.





# MARCH OF THE WHITE GUARD

By SIR GILBERT PARKER

ASK Mr. Hume to come here for a moment, Gosse," said Field, the chief factor, as he turned from the frosty window of his office at Fort Providence, one of the Hudson Bay Company's posts. The servant, or, more properly, Orderly Sergeant Gosse, late of the Scots Guards, departed on his errand, glancing curiously at his master's face as he did so. The chief factor, as he turned around, unclasped his hands from behind him, took a few steps forward, then, standing still in the center of the room, read carefully through a letter which he had held in the fingers of his right hand for the last ten minutes as he scanned the wastes of snow that stretched away beyond Great Slave Lake to the Arctic Circle and the Barren Grounds. He meditated a moment, went back to the window, looked out again, shook his head negatively, and with a sigh walked over to the high fireplace. He stood thoughtfully considering the floor until the door opened and Sub-Factor Jasper Hume entered. The factor looked up and said: "Hume, I've something here that's been worrying me a bit. This letter came in the monthly batch this morning. It is from a woman. The company sends another commending the cause of the woman and urging us to do all that is possible to meet her wishes. It seems that her husband is a civil engineer of considerable fame. He had a commission to explore the copper mine region and a portion of the Barren Grounds. He was to be gone six months. He has been gone a year. He left Fort Good Hope, skirted Great Bear Lake, and reached the Copper Mine River. Then he sent back all of the Indians who accompanied him but two, they bearing the message that he would make the Great Fish River and come down by Great Slave Lake to Fort Providence. That was nine months ago. He has not come here, nor to any other of the forts, nor has any word been received from him. His wife, backed by the H. B. C., urges that a relief party be sent to look for him. They and she forgot that this is the Arctic region, and that the task is a well nigh hopeless one. He ought to have been here six months ago. Now, how can we do anything? Our fort is small and there is always danger of trouble with the Indians. We can't force men to join a relief party like this, and who will volunteer? Who would lead such a party and who will make up the party to be led?"

The brown face of Jasper Hume was not mobile. It changed in expression but seldom; it preserved a steady and satisfying character of intelligence and force. The eyes, however, were of an inquiring, debating kind that moved from one thing to another as if to get a sense of balance before opinion or judgment was expressed. The face had remained impassive, but the eyes had kindled a little as the factor talked. To the factor's despairing question there was not an immediate reply. The eyes were debating, but they suddenly steadied and Jasper Hume said sententiously: "A relief party should go."

"Yes, yes; but who is to lead them?"

Again the eyes debated.

"Read her letter," said the factor, handing him it.

Jasper Hume took it and mechanically scanned it.

The factor had moved toward the table for his pipe or he would have seen the other start, and his nostrils slightly quiver as his eyes grew conscious of what they were looking at. Turning quickly, Jasper Hume walked toward the window, as if for more light, and, with his back to his superior, read the letter. Then he turned and said:



"With His Back to His Superior, He Read the Letter."

"I think this thing should be done."

The factor shrugged his shoulders slightly. "Well, as to that, I think so, too, but thinking and doing are two different things, Hume."

"Will you leave the matter in my hands until the morning?"

"Yes, of course, and glad to do so. You are the only man who can arrange the affair, if it is to be done at all. But I tell you, as you know, that everything will depend upon a leader, even if you secure the men. \* \* \* So you had better keep the letter for to-night. It may help you to get the men together. A woman's handwriting will do more than a man's word any time."

Jasper Hume's eyes had been looking at the factor, but they were studying something else. His face seemed not quite so fresh as it was a few minutes before.

"I will see you at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, Mr. Field," he said quietly. "Will you let Gosse come to me in an hour?"

"Certainly. Good night."

Jasper Hume let himself out. He walked across a small square to a log house and opened the door, which creaked and shrieked with the frost. A dog sprang upon him as he did so, and rubbed its head against his breast. He touched the head as if it had been that of a child and said: "Lie down, Jacques."

It did so, but watched him as he doffed his dog-skin cap and buffalo coat. He looked round the room slowly once, as if he wished to fix it clearly and deeply in his mind. Then he sat down and held near the fire light the letter the factor had given him. His features grew set and stern as he read it. Once he paused in the reading and looked into the fire, drawing his breath sharply between his teeth. Then he read it to the end without a

sign. A pause, and he said: "So this is how the lines meet again, Varre Lepage!" He read the last sentence of the letter aloud:

"In the hope that you may soon give me good news of my husband, I am, with all respect,

Sincerely yours,

"Rose Lepage."

Again he repeated, "With all respect, sincerely yours, Rose Lepage."

The dog Jacques looked up. Perhaps it detected something unusual in the voice. It rose, came over, and laid its head on its master's knee. Jasper Hume's hand fell gently on the head, and he said to the fire, "Rose Lepage, you can write to Factor Field what you dare not write to your husband if you knew! You might say to him then, 'With all love,' but not 'With all respect.'"

He folded the letter and said: "Listen, Jacques, and I will tell you a story." The dog blinked and pushed its nose against its master's arm.

"Ten years ago two young men who had studied and graduated together at the same college were struggling together in their profession as civil engineers. One was Varre Lepage and the other was Jasper Hume. The one was brilliant and persuasive, the other was persistent and studious. Varre Lepage could have succeeded in any profession; Jasper Hume had only heart and mind for one. Only for one, Jacques, you understand. He lived in it; he loved it; he saw great things to be achieved in it. He had got an idea. He worked at it night and day; he thought it out; he developed it; he perfected it; he was ready to give it to the world. But he was seized with illness, became blind, and was ordered to a warm climate for a year. He left his idea, his invention, behind him—his complete idea. While he was gone his bosom

friend stole his perfected idea; yes, stole his perfected idea, and sold it for twenty thousand dollars. He was called a genius, a great inventor. And then he married her. You don't know her, Jacques. You never saw pretty Rose Varcoe, who, liking two men, chose the one who was handsome and brilliant, and whom the world called a genius. Why don't Jasper Hume expose him, Jacques? Proof is not always easy, and then he had to think of her. One has to think of a woman in such a case, Jacques. Even a dog can see that."

He was silent a moment, and then he said: "Come, Jacques, you will keep secret what I show you."

He went to a large box in the corner, unlocked it, and took out a model made of brass and copper and smooth but unpolished wood.

"After ten years of banishment, Jacques, he worked out another idea, you see. It should be worth ten times the other, and the world called the other the work of a genius, dog."

Then he became silent, the animal watching him the while. It had seen him working at this model for many a day, but never heard him talk so much at a time as he had done this last ten minutes. Jasper Hume was generally a silent man; decisive even to severity, careless carriers and shirking under-officers thought. Yet none could complain he was unjust. He was simply straightforward, and had no sympathy with those who were not the same. He had carried a drunken Indian on his back for miles, and from a certain death by frost. He had, for want of a more convenient punishment, promptly knocked down Jeff Hyde, the sometime bully of the fort, for appropriating a bundle of furs belonging to a French halfbreed, Gaspe Toujours. But he nursed Jeff Hyde through an attack of pneumonia, insisting at the same time that Gaspe Toujours should

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# XMAS 'ROUND THE WORLD



Japanese Children in Honolulu

## CHRISTMAS IN HAWAII

By Will J. Cooper



ALMOST everyone feels that Christmas, in a way, is purely a local institution. Somehow we feel that the day and the season belong peculiarly to us and our community, and it is hard to realize that all over the great world people of every race are celebrating the birth of the Man whose life and teachings have done more for the advancement of mankind than any other thing before or since.

Christmas without snow! The idea seems impossible to a great number of young folks in most parts of the United States, where so much of the holiday festivities are dependent on the weather. But there are American citizens, not a few, today, to whom a snowstorm on Christmas would be as great a novelty as a picnic trip would to others at the same season. And this is the case in Hawaii.

And yet Hawaii's celebration of the Christmas festival isn't so very different from that of mainland America as some might imagine. The beautiful group of islands was the scene of early missionary zeal almost a century ago, and, moreover, these missionaries were of good old New England stock, and they brought the New England Christmas to the naked islanders the same as they did all their other ironclad ideas. The missionaries raised their families on the new soil, and in their children, as in the open-minded natives, they implanted their own ideas of Christmas as far as environment permitted. Seamen and traders of the world, who early made their homes in the islands, had a tendency to modify the austerity of the religionists, so that Hawaii's Christmas became quite cosmopolitan in character.

The "feeling" of holiday-time is in the air, though not in shape of snow and ice. Instead one would rather imagine it was the month of May, judging from the smiling blue skies and balmy air and the profusion of blossoms and green foliage. But the store windows are already beginning to blossom out with unmistakable Christmas luxuries, while there is the general air of mystery in the home, and the children are talking of Santa Claus, just as they are from California to Maine. And Santa is the same identical old saint that we all knew "back in the States," even to his personal appearance and costume. One would think that a great fur-bordered coat and fur cap would not be particularly comfortable in a land where the thermometer hangs between 75 and 85 degrees all the year



A Hawaiian Girl

round, but that is the only kind of a Santa which the little Hawaiians have ever had any experience with, and they see him every Christmas time presiding over a Christmas-tree entertainment at the Sunday schools, and occasionally he makes his appearance in a private home before the little ones have gone to slumberland, so that they get a glimpse of him. Also the busy old man usually has charge of a great contribution kettle of the Salvation Army on a prominent Honolulu street corner for a week before Christmas, and he is always usjt about the same. It is even reported that he has met with a number of tragic accidents in Hawaii, just as he has in other parts of the world, when his white cottony whiskers came in contact with open lights on the Christmas tree. But Hawaii's Santa Claus doesn't travel by sleigh, but uses a canoe, and of recent years an automobile instead. Little Hawaiians have but an imperfect idea of a sleigh, which would certainly be a rather poor vehicle in a land without snow.

Christmas eve always is the occasion of the biggest street carnival of the Hawaiian year. It is similar to the great frolics on New Year's night in San Francisco and some other cities. Generally speaking, the business sections of Honolulu are practically deserted after night fall, but on the night before Christmas the retail district is thronged till after midnight with the most motly concourse of people in the world. Everybody seems to be out. The sidewalks overflow and fill the streets with Americans and Hawaiians, Chinese and Japanese, Portuguese, Germans, Spanish, and French, and all



A Christmas Dinner Party in Honolulu

degrees of admixture of these various elements. People of high and low degree jostle each other in most democratic fashion, while everybody throws confetti, rings cow-bells, or blows a tin horn or other noise-producing instrument, and white and brown and yellow boys produce deafening explosions of firecrackers in the streets. There is rarely any rowdiness (Hawaii crowds are always well behaved), but for the time being the bars of conventionality seem to be ignored, and everybody thinks only of a good time.

Christmas day itself is usually very quiet. The excitement among the children in exploring stockings in the morning, or, where stockings are not worn, of finding the pile of gifts which Santa rarely fails to leave somewhere about the house for all good boys and girls, is the most interesting feature in most families. Some years there has been a water regatta arranged by the several boat clubs for the afternoon, when rowing races and other aquatic sports are indulged in either in the water of the harbor or at Waikiki Beach, the city's great bathing resort. Of course there is baseball, for Honolulu is the greatest baseball city in the world, where they play all the year through and never seem to grow tired of it.

Every Christmas there is a considerable quantity of Christmas evergreens brought from the coast, but usually some substitute is used for the pines and cedars of the temperate zones. The Australian ironwood pine makes a fair Christmas tree, and is practically the only tree of the pine family available. House decorations are brought to town in large quantities from far up in the mountains, in the form of a low shrub known by the native name "wawae-iolo," or "rats' claws," which somewhat resembles a symmetrical pine tree in miniature.

New Years is always observed in Hawaii, perhaps more importance being attached to it than is generally observed on the mainland of the United States.

Although the large number of winter visitors to Hawaii always takes a great interest in the Hawaiian Christmas observances, the interest is more in the unusual setting in which they are held than in the novelty of the celebrations themselves. The islands have always been so closely in touch with the United States that it is probable that in no other part of the world, separate from the mainland states, is there less divergence in the processes of life and thought than here.



CHRISTMAS SPORTS IN HONOLULU



# Christmas in the Land of William Tell

By FLORA HENRIETTA MUELLER

**I**N THE center of Europe there is a free little country, with high mountains, and strong, healthy people. There are still many old hermits living in the woods, who move farther away from mankind whenever their hiding-place is discovered. The hand of man has assisted, but not yet spoiled the work of nature, and therefore the whole country is a beautiful park. Thousands of Americans cross the ocean every year to enjoy their vacation in Switzerland, to find new life and health in its high altitudes, where the big factories have not yet polluted the fresh air.

There is a certain little place, called Lusern, one of the prettiest towns in Switzerland, of which I am going to tell you. Lusern is built around a picturesque lake entirely surrounded by lofty mountains. It is the most popular summer resort in Switzerland, and is visited by people from all over the world. After the season is over it seems as if everything had died out. The big hotels close for the winter and all the stores look empty and forsaken. The little souvenirs that made so many strangers happy are packed away for next year. At the lake front, where the different nationalities used to listen to the Hungarian band, and where the pretty little children of the rich played on the shore with their colored nurses, the children of the town now play, hunting around and trying to find some forgotten toys of the little strangers.

It is real pleasure to listen to their conversation, as they are a little resentful about the foreigners. I happened to be one of them, and I remember how often we used to say: "Would you like to have a black nurse?" "Oh dear, no! I could never, never kiss her good night, as I do my dear, sweet mother," or, "Would you like to have such pretty white dresses and shoes?" "Why certainly not; how could we roll around, climb the trees, and splash in the water."

But soon after the visitors leave both the children and the parents start in with a new sort of life. They had to work hard the whole summer in order to provide for the long, cold winter. Many a mother had to send her little ones away so as to give all her time to the foreigners, to make them feel happy and comfortable. But now they remember their children, and the first thing they think of is dear old Christmas. It is not customary to buy the presents ready made. The children empty their little savings banks so as to buy enough material to make a little present for each member of the family. The smaller girls do knitting and crochet work, and the older ones do lovely hand embroidery on linen. Every day after their studies are finished they sit in their room and work until supper-time. You cannot imagine how good the children are before Christmas.

There is no quarrel between brothers and sisters; they all help each other. The boys have to thread the needles, and, in between time, read a nice story to the girls. Every evening mother will come to the door and ask to come in, and all of them will scream: "No, no, mother dear; Santa Claus is with us and helps us work." One of them will open the door just a little, and mother will roll in for each of them a big apple and some nuts. The boys then have to peel the apples and open the nuts, and will feed the girls every little while, because they haven't time to look away from their needlework. At supper-time they will all look at each other and laugh and whisper, and every little while you will hear, "Sh, sh, don't tell; don't tell." But father and mother will understand and not ask any questions.



Swiss Children at Holiday Time.

About one week before Christmas the most exciting time will start. The best room in the house will be closed, and as the children are taught the Christkindli (Christ-child) is in there to fix the tree, they will only walk on their tiptoes past that room. Some of them, of course, will be very inquisitive and peek in the keyhole, but parents are clever enough to stuff it up. On Christmas eve, all the children have to give their presents to mother, each marked with a name, and mother will put them under the tree.

Then the children have to go to sleep, but what sleep is it! They crawl together, all in one bed, even if there are a dozen, and start to pray that their wishes will be fulfilled. After their little eyes fall to sleep, mother will get very busy dressing up a lardy friend in a beautiful white mull dress, and will put on her a wig of golden curls that hang down to her waist, and then a long white veil to cover her face. She is covered with flowers and looks just like a beautiful bride. About ten o'clock father will go to wake the children and make them dress in a hurry and run down in front of the house to see the Angel fly in the windows. As father is the first down, he will say: "Oh, I just saw Christkindli fly in." All will run up in one breath and go



AUSTRALIAN FERNS AT CHRISTMAS TIME

in the room and find the Angel there and the tree lit. Then the children sing a Christmas song for her and mother plays the piano. After Christkindli gives presents to everybody, the children will be very busy examining everything, and in the meantime the Angel quietly disappears. A little later, the lady friend of mother will come in, dressed in her street clothes, and everybody is sorry for her, because she just missed seeing Christkindli.

This happens every year, and is always new again to the children. I must admit I was a pretty old child (fifteen years) when I first discovered that it was dear father and mother who gave us all that joy. May be I would still be happy in my ignorance if I hadn't been a very naughty girl one Christmas, and crawled under the sofa to see the Angel's face very closely when she fixed the tree, and when I saw it was only my aunt, I wasn't afraid any more. In a moment when she left the room for a few minutes, I came out of my hiding-place and picked all the nuts off my grandmother's cake. I was very sorry after a while, and I still regret that I lost another year or two of the joy of Christmas; that joy that will never come back in my whole life, when I still believed in the dear Christkindli coming down to earth to bring the children happiness.

May every mother try to keep up the childish beliefs in her children as long as possible. They learn the stern realities soon enough. And when they have to fight the hard battles of life, they will always fondly recollect their happy childhood days and be guided in the right path.

## Christmas at the Antipodes

By Rev. George C. Tenney

**T**HE country nearest antipodal to us is the continent of Australia, where cold comes from the south in the summer; where the sun goes around to the left instead of toward the right; where the shady side of the house is the south side; where summer comes in the winter, and Christmas and Fourth of July change places.

Plenty of time is allowed by the Australians for this favorite festival. Holidays are very numerous in that new United States, and not any of them is forgotten by man or woman, boy or girl. Eight hours constitute a day's work by law; the weekly half-holiday is earned by working eight and one-half hours daily and a little more on Saturday; and extra holidays are always warmly welcomed even if the thermometer is at 100; and the greatest of these is Christmas, if we except the day of the Melbourne cup races.

Christmas day itself is observed after the old English fashion, as a religious day, to work on which would be about as bad as to work on a half dozen Sundays. Of course, a good dinner is in the bargain, but fun and frolic must be put off a little. These come on the following day, called "boxing day," also an English custom, not so much from the habit of boxing one another's ears or getting one another "in a box" as from the practice of presenting Christmas boxes or presents. Christmas boxes have now degenerated into little gifts to those who serve you. The garbage man, the postman, and various public servants are sure to call on you on the morning of "boxing day" and wait a moment with cap in hand and obsequious bows, for the expected sixpence or shilling, or perchance half crown. You need not feel very badly about that, however, for your grocer, your vegetable man, and your milkman "remembered on page thirty.)"

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# Where Christmas Day First Dawned

As Seen and Described By the Late Ira D. Sankey

ONE bright day, soon after our arrival in Jerusalem, as we were standing in the doorway of our hotel, we said to our fellow-travelers, "Let us go even unto Bethlehem." Accordingly, carriages were summoned and we were soon on our journey to the quiet little village where Christ was born, some six or seven miles distant, and where, nineteen hundred years ago, the angel of the Lord made announcement to the shepherds, who were watching their flocks by night, of the glad tidings of great joy which should be to all people, saying, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

As we drove through the Jaffa gate and had proceeded on our journey some distance, a deep silence came over our entire party, each one realizing that we were no doubt passing over the very road which had often been trodden by the feet of the world's Redeemer. Here, perhaps, He may have rested by the wayside, beneath the shade of some tree like unto those we were passing, but which had long since passed away. No doubt He had sat with his beloved disciples gathered about him, at David's Well, looking out upon the sweet fields and valleys that here opened to our view.

On our way, we stopped at a number of places mentioned in the Scriptures. The most interesting of these is what is said to be David's Well. It was from this well that the grand old singer longed for a draught of water when he was besieged in Jerusalem by the Philistines. No wonder David remembered the old well near where he was born. How often we too have cried out in the day of trouble, "O for a draught from my father's well."

As we drove on, we arrived at a high point on the road where we paused to enjoy a view of the valley reaching off toward the east. Here our guide pointed out to us what, he said, was the Shepherds' Field, where the shepherds of old were watching their flocks by night. His statement as to the location of the field was quite a surprise to us as we had, for some reason, always supposed it to have been located much farther away from Bethlehem.

After going on a short distance, we noticed about half a mile away, a small village nestled on the hillside. On making inquiry of the guide, we were told it was Bethlehem of Judea. As we first beheld the quiet little hamlet where the Christ-child was born, a verse of the beautiful hymn of Phillips Brooks came involuntarily to mind, and I could not refrain from singing—

"O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight."

As we neared the village, we were greatly impressed by the beauty of the children who flocked about our carriages for the purpose of selling us souvenirs of the place, which consisted largely of engravings upon mother-of-pearl, representing the Virgin and her child in the manger, crucifixes, broaches, etc. The principal industry of the place is the manufacture of these souvenirs. Being much interested in the beautiful children seen here, we made inquiry of our guide how it was that these



A Street Scene in Bethlehem Looking Toward the Church of the Nativity.

were so much more beautiful than any we had seen elsewhere in our travels in the Orient? His reply was that on the day the Savior was born in Bethlehem, his mother pronounced a blessing on all the women and children in the town, and that this blessing had been upon them ever since. Whether his answer properly accounts for the beauty of the women and children or not the story was a beautiful one, and I give it as it was given to me.

Upon entering the village, we were at once driven to the Church of the Nativity, a very ancient structure, which marks the spot where the manger is thought to have been. I believe this to be the veritable place where the Savior's birth occurred, for the reason that the larger part of the church is underground, indicating that its foundations were laid long centuries ago.

Upon entering the building we were supplied with lighted tapers, and preceded by a Greek priest, were conducted down a dark and gloomy stairway leading into the interior of the church, and here visited a number of rooms of historic interest, one of which is said to be where Jerome studied, and where he died in the year 420 A. D. He with many other great men of the East found sepulcher here. We at last reached the spot where "the young child was born." Here we found a large stone, perhaps six feet long by three feet wide, placed in a niche in the wall of the building. A silver star was sunk into the center of the stone, which was surrounded and overhung by gold and silver lamps, which are ever kept burning as the ages roll on. This star is modeled after the Greek fashion, as the Greeks had possession of the place long before the Latins arrived.

As I gazed upon the beautiful star emblem of the one the shepherds saw, the star of hope for all mankind, another verse of Phillips Brooks' immortal hymn recurred to my mind—

"For Christ is born of Mary;  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God their king,  
And peace to men on earth."

Before leaving the place we were informed that the stone which we saw was the fourth or fifth that had been placed in position since the church was first built, the others having been "kissed away" by the millions of devout pilgrims who had come here to pay their loving homage at this sacred shrine.

The destruction of these stones had not been caused so much, however, by the action of the human lips thereon, as by the process of wiping the surface with the hand or handkerchief before

pressing the lips thereto, evidently intended as a wise sanitary precaution, though not always effective. The same theory may undoubtedly account for the wearing away of the toe of St. Peter at Rome. I recall one day, while standing beneath the high arching dome of St. Peter's, seeing an elegantly dressed lady approach the apostle's statue, make the sign of the cross, and wipe the toe with her handkerchief, and then press her lips to the abbreviated foot. She had scarcely left the place, when a little street gamin, a veritable ragamuffin, coming along, vigorously stroked the toe with his grimy hand, with the evident intention of removing the unsanitary conditions created by the "high-born lady" whose kiss had just preceded the one he was about to imprint.

Upon emerging from the church at Bethlehem we found its entrance surrounded by a large number of souvenir peddlers, all desirous of depleting our purses and replenishing our stock of curios. So great was their persistence that I was compelled to use my umbrella to force a passage to enable the ladies of our party to reach the carriages.

Fortunately we gained our vehicles and were soon journeying back to Jerusalem over the same road we had come, and which is the only one between the two places, of which history gives any account.

As we bade farewell to the town in which Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth had made their home, and while looking back for the last time upon the place, from the hill on the road, we had to sing again another verse of the hymn—

"How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is given;  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still  
The dear Christ enters in."

As we neared Jerusalem, we could just see Mt. Horeb in the distance, beyond Jordan, the place where Moses obtained his last view of the Land of Promise, and where God kissed away his soul and buried him. Shortly before entering the Jaffa gate we saw the dark low tents of the Bedouins near the road, and now and then we could see dark visaged Arabs looking toward us, seemingly anxious for the night to fall, that we, being still outside the city walls, might become their prey. Here we noticed a little Arab boy hurriedly urging his sheep and goats toward the same gate that we were approaching, the lad knowing full well, as the guide informed us, that if he were found outside the city wall after dark, he would become the prey of the robbers, both he and his flock, for the Bedouins were accustomed to put to their own uses anything found outside the city after nightfall.

As, in the gathering twilight, we were passing Mt. Zion and about to enter the city gate, I could not refrain from singing the closing stanza of the beautiful hymn which had been floating in my mind all the day long—

"O holy child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in—  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell,  
O, come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel."



# My Christmas Burglar By Susanne Roberts

**E**LEVEN O'CLOCK upon Christmas Eve and the Christmas tree still untouched! It had stood there since early morning, patiently waiting to be decked in holiday attire, but everything seemed to go wrong that day and there was work enough to keep a half dozen pairs of hands occupied. Mother had risen with one of her severe nervous headaches. Mary was cross and had shirked as much of her work as she possibly dared; and I, with swimming head, had gone from one duty to another, until, tired and nervous, I at last felt that the preparations for the morrow were complete with the exception of the tree.

But no matter how weary I might be, that must be trimmed before I retired, for Brother Arthur and the children would arrive on the early morning train, and Teddy and little Dorothy would be heart-broken if not allowed to see it at once. Poor little motherless tots! They had been looking forward for weeks to Christmas at grandma's, and had sent me, long ago, their letters to Santa Claus, for they had learned that in some mysterious way "Aunt Grace" was in direct communication with him for some days before Christmas.

Though weary in mind and body, I went bravely to work stringing pop-corn, gilding apples and nuts and filling candy-bags, and I quite forgot my weariness for a time in thinking of the way in which Ted's merry eyes would sparkle when he would catch his first glimpse of the toy-laden tree, and how the wonder would grow in Dot's big brown orbs as she tries to solve the mystery of the gift-bestowing Santa.

While mounted upon a small step-ladder, vainly trying to reach the tip of an objectionably long branch, I heard the library door softly open, and, turning about, was startled to see in the doorway a man whom I rightly judged had entered for no honorable purpose. Of course, my first impulse was to scream, but I had presence of mind enough to know that would be of no avail, for poor, timid mother, with her weak heart, must not under any circumstances be startled, and Mary, even if she heard, would only bury her head in the bed-coverings and remain where she was.

So realizing that I must alone deal with the intruder, and being of a practical turn of mind, I hid my terror as best I could and said coolly:

"I was just wishing for a longer pair of arms to trim off that provokingly long branch. It quite spoils the symmetry of the tree. Will you please step up here and do it for me?"

When he first opened the door and discovered that the room had an occupant, his right hand was quickly raised to his hip-pocket, and I could feel myself growing pale and weak, but as I spoke he stepped forward in blank astonishment and mechanically taking the shears I offered him, stepped upon the ladder and removed the tip of the branch.

"There! That's a decided improvement!" I exclaimed. "Now this woolly sheep must go upon that branch, and this doll just opposite—a little higher, please. That's right. Don't you think another string of pop-corn might be hung from that center branch and brought down on this side? And now the candles—I had almost forgotten them."

By this time the man had lost his air of astonishment and was intensely interested in his work. He arranged and gave suggestions, which I was very glad to have carried out, for I quickly discovered that he possessed not only skill, but most excellent taste, and his deft hands soon wrought wonders, giving to the tree a look of beauty I myself could never have given it. All my fear had vanished, and we worked away together as busily as bees.

While he was intent upon his work, I had the opportunity of studying the appearance of my midnight caller. He was tall and slender, with light curly hair and a blonde Vandyke beard, which I

readily saw could be doffed or donned at will. It did not succeed, however, in hiding the handsome, boyish features and clear, healthy complexion of the wearer. His blue eyes lit up with pleasure and pride as his interest in his work deepened. His hands were white and slender and I could not fail to notice the grace of his every movement. His soft, musical voice had the fascinating drawl peculiar to a native of the sunny South. He wore a plain, neat business suit, somewhat the worse for wear, and a black derby hat, which he quickly removed as he stepped forward to do my bidding.

As we were putting the finishing touches on the tree, who should come into the room but mother, who, hearing our voices, had come down to see whom I was entertaining at such an hour. I did not dare tell her the truth, nor did I care to make the situation any more trying, so I said quickly:

"Mother, this is Mr.—er—Smith. You have heard me speak of him often. He called this evening and kindly consented to help me decorate the tree. Isn't it beautiful?"

"It is, indeed, daughter, and it is very kind of Mr. Smith to render his assistance," she replied, shaking hands cordially with him. She afterward confessed that she didn't remember that Mr. Smith's name was upon my list of calling acquaintances, but supposed her memory was at fault.

"And mother, I succeeded in getting everything those blessed children asked for excepting the 'weally, twuly engine with wheels that go wound and wound' that was among Teddy's requests. But alas!—his wants were more numerous than my purse could supply."

The tree was finished at last, and after mother and I had expressed our delight at its beautiful appearance, mother, turning to me said, "But, Grace, you surely will not let Mr. Smith go away after working so hard without some refreshment?"

The novelty of a chafing-dish party with a burglar for a guest flitted across my mind and I determined to enjoy such a romantic situation to its fullest extent. But in this I was doomed to disappointment for "Mr. Smith," pleading the lateness of the hour, gracefully excused himself and took up his hat to depart.

"There!" thought I, "That proves conclusively that which I have suspected for some time. He is no ordinary house-breaker, or he would never show

so much delicacy about receiving hospitality from my hands."

I led the way to the hall door—he had entered by way of a library window, carelessly left unfastened—and as he stepped into the hall he said quietly:

"I suppose it would seem almost ridiculous for me to attempt to apologize for my appearance in your home tonight, but please believe me when I say that I am heartily sorry—not for being here, for that would be untrue—but for giving you the fright which you must necessarily have felt upon seeing me, though I never saw a braver woman in my life."

"Yes," I laughed, "When I saw your hand reach for your revolver I did think that perhaps my last moment had come, but—"

"But you don't think I really would have harmed you? See—the chambers are all empty, as they always have been since it has been in my possession. And I want to thank you for the opportunity you gave me of helping you. This has been an evening I shall never forget. Will it seem too bold in me if I ask you to shake hands?"

"I certainly am very grateful to you for your assistance tonight. I'm sure you would feel repaid could you see the faces of the children when they view your work. And I hope that next Christmas Eve may find you as profitably employed as you have been tonight, instead of—"

I did not finish, but extended my hand, and as his slender fingers closed over mine I know I had obtained his promise.

The next morning while the children were delightedly stripping the tree of its gifts, there came a ring at the door-bell. Upon answering it, I found an expressman with a large bundle which he deposited on the hall floor. When the wrappings were removed, what was my surprise to find the "weally twuly engine" for Teddy, a pretty work-box, with sewing outfit complete, for tiny Dot, and, lastly, a box of pure white roses for "Teddy's Aunt." It needed no card to designate the sender.

This all happened three years ago, and although I have had no word from my midnight guest and the mystery of his life remains unsolved, yet the box of roses which comes to me upon each Christmas Eve tells me in their own pure language that the sender no longer deserves the name by which I have always called him—My Burglar.

## The Feudist's Revenge By MRS. JULIA M. KLINCK

**SYNOPSIS.**—An aged man, sitting in the doorway of his Kentucky mountain home watching his young son playing with a greyhound in the yard, is shot from the thicket nearby and is fatally wounded. The lad fondly seeks to withhold the old man from death, but in vain.

The father knows the slayer, Lem Elarth, and lives long enough to pledge his boy to be revenged. A little girl of the neighborhood is a witness of the tragedy, listens to the conversation between parent and child, and tries to dissuade her playmate from keeping his awful oath. The lad soon leaves the vicinity of the tragedy and is bound out to a farmer and stockraiser. During several years he practices with firearms and becomes a crack shot for the purpose of avenging his father's death. Occasionally letters pass between him and his childhood friend, she pleading with him to relent, forgive, and forget. But the boy remains determined to have a bloody revenge.

The young girl, Cissy, wins prize at a state spelling match, attended by Jamie. On return home he determines to secure an education, obtains release, attends district school, and later an academy where Cissy Dean is also a student. There he meets Lem Elarth, Jr., the son of his father's slayer. Lem's attentions to Cissy arouse Jamie's old-time desire for revenge, and young Elarth spares no pains to fan the flame. At length Jamie steals a march on his rival and wins again Cissy's favor.

PART IV. (Concluded).

**I**N HER girlish way she rallied him upon sticking so close to his school books. "You are becoming a regular old sober-sides," she said. "Why don't you go out with the young people and have a good time?" she queried. "Why, we have the best

times ever were," she laughed merrily, "and you are losing it all. You are a downright spendthrift to throw away such fine opportunities for fun."

"I don't care to go out any more; I never enjoy myself when I do," said Jamie, with an artful little sigh.

"Why, why not?" asked Cissy, with widely opening eyes.

"Because I can never have the company I want." The tone in which this was said warned Cissy to ask no more questions; but his reverent care for her told Cissy plainer than words whose company Jamie deemed necessary to make his happiness.

The way was long, and the twain lingered for a moment on the bridge which spanned the little river that they must cross, to watch the interchange of light and shadow on the ice below, as the moon played hide and seek with a cloud. Few words were spoken, and those of little import; but in some mysterious way a new sympathy and understanding sprang up between them, which was very precious to both.

As Jamie sauntered home in the moonlight, weaving about Cissy's bright personality, sweeter thoughts than had been his for many and many a day, he had a rude awakening, for out of the shadows, with a murderous gleam in his eye, Lem sprang upon him.

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## HOME FLORI-CULTURE

A DEPARTMENT IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL WHO GROW FLOWERS  BY EBEN E. REXFORD

## ROSES FOR HOUSE CULTURE



CORRESPONDENT writes: "I would rather have one rose, if I could grow it well, than all other plants adapted to house-culture. But I never have any success in trying to grow roses. I wonder if I do not get the right varieties? Please tell me what kinds you would select, and how you would treat them."

I would confine my choice to this list: Agrippina, Queen's Scarlet, Hermosa, and Clothilde Soupert. I would not attempt to grow any other kinds until I had been successful with these. I would buy two-year-old plants. I would pot them in a soil of clayey loam, into which some coarse, sharp sand had been worked. I would give each pot the best of drainage. I would pack the soil about the roots very firmly. A loosely-potted rose will live on, and on, indefinitely, but it will make but little growth, and you will get out of patience with it, and probably throw it away. Don't do that, however; keep it until next season and plant it out in the garden, where it will probably take new life, and give you some good flowers during the summer.

Agrippina is a dark crimson. Queen's Scarlet is very rich in the color indicated by its name. Hermosa is a bright pink. Clothilde Soupert is almost white at the outer petals, shading to a soft rose at the center. This variety is a most prolific bloomer, and the easiest to grow of the four varieties named.

## The Heliotrope

"Do you think I could grow the heliotrope? What care does it require?"

Anyone can grow this lovely and delightfully fragrant flower who will give it the right kind of treatment. It should have a soil of spongy or turfy matter, into which enough sand should be mixed to make sure of its being light and friable under all conditions. The plant has a multitude of fine roots which extract the moisture from the soil with great rapidity, therefore, extreme care must be taken to prevent its getting dry. If this happens, the plant will receive a check from which it will be a long time in recovering, and quite frequently it will never recover fully. If you notice that its leaves are turning black at the edges, and beginning to fall, examine the soil and the chances are that you will find it quite dry an inch or two below the surface. It is well to provide the pot with perfect drainage, and then apply water enough daily to thoroughly saturate all the soil in the pot. Give it a warm place in a sunny window. Coolness and lack of sunshine will prevent it from flowering nine times out of ten. It is very tender, and care must be taken to prevent its being chilled at night. Properly cared for, the heliotrope is one of our most satisfactory house-plants. It is a profuse and constant bloomer. It is not as showy as some flowers, but its purple and violet-blue blossoms are very lovely in spite of their modest, quiet color, and few plants equal it in delicious fragrance. It is easily grown from cuttings. Insert these in sand, which should be kept moist enough to be almost wet. They will generally send out roots in a week or ten days.

## Wintering Plants in the Cellar

"What plants can be wintered safely in the cellar? What care should be given them, while there?"

Fuchsias, cypripediums, hydrangeas, oleanders and all other hard-wooded plants of similar character; Agapanthus, Valotta, and the Agaves can be wintered better in the cellar than anywhere else. It will not matter if deciduous plants shed some of their leaves. The plants of similar character always do when wintered out of doors; therefore,



there will be no cause for alarm if you find some of your plants dropping their foliage. Do not give water unless the soil seems very dry. Keep the plants cool—but, of course, away from frost—and in a dark place, if possible. Most plants fail, when wintered in the cellar, from being kept too wet, too warm, and in too much light. Warmth, moisture, and light all have a tendency to encourage growth, while the aim should be to keep the plants entirely dormant.

## Smilax

"How should smilax be treated?"

Give it a soil of sandy loam. Water quite freely, and keep it in a warm place. Sunshine is not needed. Train the vines on strings—a string for each vine if you contemplate cutting. If the vines are allowed to intertwine, they cannot be separated without injury. In May or June, let the plant dry off, and keep it almost dust-dry until October. Then give more water, and it will soon start into growth. Shower it frequently to prevent the red spider from doing it harm. It is very necessary that this plant should have a three or four months' period of rest each season.

## Ferns for the House

"I would like some new ferns for culture in the house. Have got rather tired of Boston fern. Is there anything else in the fern family that I would be likely to succeed with?"

Yes. I can tell you of four that I feel quite sure you can grow well, if you are willing to give them the right kind of care. One is Whitman's, a sport from the old Boston fern. It has very finely divided pinnæ—in fact, a frond of it looks like a green plume, so airy and feathery is it.

## SONG OF A ROSE

By Stokely S. Fisher

*While seeking a poem I found a flower,  
The rose that of old my love gave to me.  
I opened the book in an idle hour;  
While seeking a poem I found a flower  
Long faded, but folding within it the power,  
The whole of the beauty of poetry!  
While seeking a poem I found a flower,  
The rose which of old my love gave to me.*

Another is Pteris Victoria, beautifully variegated with silvery white. This makes a most beautiful parlor plant. Pteris Wilsoni had flat fronds of a rich green, tasseled at the tips. Odianteum Croweanum has the graceful foliage characteristic of this class, but it is of a heavier, firmer texture than that of any other Adiantum I have ever seen, therefore, it is well adapted to living-room culture. If these varieties are given a light spongy soil, watered moderately, and showered once a week—or oftener if convenient—those who have succeeded in growing the good old Boston fern ought to have no trouble with them. Whitmani makes the largest plant, but Pteris Victoria will, I think, become the general favorite as soon as its merits are better known. Those who admire the Adiantum more than any other of the great fern family, but have not heretofore succeeded with them, will be delighted with the Croweanum. It is of sturdy, upright habit, and a small plant soon develops into a fine specimen. It pays to make a special effort to provide all members of the fern family with the soil they like best—which is leafmold, or turfy matter, something full of vegetable matter. The addition of some sharp sand improves it greatly. Care must be taken to never let these plants get dry at the roots.

## Increasing the Stock of Plumosus Nanus

This plant can be increased readily and rapidly by division of its roots. They can be broken or cut apart. Give a soil of sandy loam. Every woman who wants something attractive in the way of growing plants for table decoration should provide herself with several pots of this asparagus. For this purpose it is the most useful plant we have.

## Seasonable Hints

At this season some suggestions are in order which may seem trite because of the frequency with which they have been given. But those who know something about flower-growing need to be reminded of them, and those who have just begun to grow them need to become familiar with them.

Give no fertilizers to a plant not growing actively. This advice applies to all seasons, but requires special emphasis now because many plants will be at a stand-still, and the owners of them will be wondering if the application of some good fertilizer would not benefit them. Never lose sight of this fact, no plant not in process of development needs fertilizing. When it begins to grow, then give rich food, but give it, to begin with, in small quantities, increasing the amount as growth increases. But never use enough to force a rapid, unnatural growth. Be satisfied with a healthy one.

Water should be given in much the same way that fertilizers are applied. That is to say, give plants actively growing a liberal supply, but to those dormant or nearly so, give just enough to keep the soil moist. A plant not making vigorous growth does not require much water.

Give fresh air daily, if the weather is pleasant.

Keep the temperature as even as possible. 70 degrees will be about right for the plants and the family.

Shower frequently. Make sure that the water gets to every part of the plant.

Keep insects in check by the prompt application of insecticidal preparations, of which tobacco, in some form, is the basis.

Give all sun-loving plants a place close to the glass. Discard shades and curtains.

Shift the plants about frequently to give all an equal chance at the light.

Turn them at least once a week to prevent them from becoming one-sided by being drawn toward the light.

Keep all dead or dying leaves picked off. As soon as flowers fade, remove them. Let neatness be the rule in the window garden.



# THE ECLIPSE OF THE THORNTONS

By RUTH HAYS

SYNOPSIS.—The physician of a well-to-do city family decrees that the father must go to Colorado for his health, and that the wife and mother must accompany him. As a result, the children move out of the palatial family home and have to seek less pretentious quarters in an undesirable part of the city. A teacher, Miss Prince, boards with the young people and proves a great help to them in the planning of their home life and in devising ways and means for increasing the income of the household. Nan, the oldest sister, plans to do mending as a means of earning money, and each of the older children bravely does his part to help out. Madge, the younger sister, builds air castles and plans to become a great writer. Bob teaches night school. Good news comes from Colorado, and all goes well with the children.

## PART III.



Here you are, Madge," she said. "Will you go down to Huntley's and match this silk for me? I'm just finishing Miss Morgan's work, and my spool's given out. You might take Jacky with you; he'd like the walk. And stop at Jordan's and leave the order for tomorrow as you come back, will you please, dear? You aren't busy about anything are you?"

Madge made a funny face at Charley. "Just talking," she said. "All right, Nan, I'll go." And the fortunes of the Montmorencys were forgotten for a time.

They were all so busy and the days so short that December came before they knew it, and Christmas was at hand. The Montmorencys went into total eclipse under the stern necessities of making presents for the whole family, "out of nothing," as Madge loudly lamented. Charley was at his wits' end, and thought longingly of the buried treasure of his fancy; but fortune came his way in another guise. One of his friends happened to show him a puzzle just bought in New

York, a curious Japanese picture, cut into all sorts and sizes of queer figures, after the fashion of a dissected map.

"Why, I could make that," quoth Charley. "Madge would like it, I guess, and one of those pictures Uncle Marshall brought home would be just the thing, if Nan will let me have it."

Of course Nan was willing, and, with her assistance, the picture was carefully pasted on their wood, Charley's door was barred, and he set to work. He was handy with the fret-saw and careful in his work, and when he had finished, surveyed the results with pardonable pride. "Looks as good as Joe's," he commented to Nan. "Wonder if I couldn't sell it? Madge wants gloves more'n she wants a puzzle, and, anyway, I could make another."

So the puzzle went to one of the shops for exhibition, and was so speedily sold that more were ordered. They struck the popular fancy, it seemed, and presently Charley was doing a rushing business, with all the orders he could fill up to Christmas. He was so proud of his earnings, and so important, that Bob called him a bloated capitalist, and accused him, laughingly, of trying to corner the glove market, when he declared it his intention not only to buy gloves for Nan and Madge, but also to send a pair to their mother. But it was mighty nice, all the same, Charley thought, and only wished he could keep it up all the year.

But Christmas passed and January came. All had gone well so far, and the novelty and hard work had kept them interested and happy. Perhaps their changed circumstances were hardest of all for Nan. Her girl friends came to see her loyally, and lamented her seclusion, and pitied her busy life, inviting her to this and that festivity, and sometimes sorely tempting her. But she knew it wasn't best. Parties meant pretty dresses, fresh gloves and ribbons, and all sorts of dainty acces-

sories, while late hours would quite unfit her for the busy days and hard work that were hers just now. Besides she felt far away from it all. When father got well and he and mother were at home again, there would be time for rejoicing, and for the gayeties dear to a young girl's heart. She could bide the time, for life held greater things than these, and she was too busy for regrets.

But it was an anxious time that followed. The Colorado news was disquieting; father had taken a heavy cold and had a relapse, and Nan and Bob were sure that their mother was far more anxious and alarmed than she would admit. The young pillars of the house carried heavy hearts in those days, and when Jack came down with measles and was very ill, and Madge promptly followed suit, it seemed as if their burdens were more than they could bear.

It was then that Miss Prince proved a tower of strength. She took charge of the household while Nan was quarantined with the children, and introduced an opportune "visitor" in a young niece who was a trained nurse and came promptly to Nan's help. "Why, I couldn't keep my hands off," she said when Nan protested. "Such a lovely case as this is, too—you wouldn't have the heart to keep me out."

It seemed a long time, but when the two convalescents were sitting up and "eating all before them," as old Mary said, and at last their mother's letter announced that father was out of danger and about again, Nan thought she had never known what happiness was before. It was the "clear shining after rain," and they all rejoiced in it. The pretty nurse stayed and made a real visit, and was as jolly as if she had never seen the inside of a sick-room. Nan found herself playing games as merrily as the children, the little anxious pucker in her forehead smoothed itself out, and she grew

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SYNOPSIS.—Sergeant Ruck, of a U. S. infantry corps, stationed at Fort Leavenworth in the early days, has a dog devotedly attached to him named Tuck. The company was soon removed up the Missouri river to Fort Pierre, near which Indians were encamped. Soon after the change of base, Ruck fell desperately in love with Wyona, a beautiful Indian maiden, thereby incurring the bitter hatred of a daring young Indian. Shunkahaska, Wyona's discarded lover, shoots at Ruck from ambush, but does not kill him. This determines Sergeant Ruck and Wyona to marry. This greatly enrages the young Indian, and at his request a council is called, which decides against him. Shunkahaska swears vengeance, and interests many other young Indians in his cause. The soldiers, with Ruck at their head, go out to secure timber for the new fort, and a few days later are attacked by the Indians.

## PART III. (Concluded).

"We were cutting down a tree near the river when a shot was fired at us from an ambush, and in a minute a swarm of a hundred red devils drove us into the woods.

We returned their fire as well as we could, but we were bound to retreat.

"By Jove, here comes Hamilton and the rest of the detail."

"Now my men, steady, load your pieces and be ready for the red devils," shouted Ruck.

It seemed that every bush and tree was the cover for an Indian. They kept up a steady fire upon the soldiers, who, somewhat sheltered by the wagon, retreated slowly towards camp, and returned the fire as best they could.

"Boys," said the sergeant, "there is no use of a handful fighting a hundred or more red savages. Get into the wagon, all of you, and we

## Ruck and Tuck

### A TALE OF THE PLAINS

By Eugene Wipfler

will make a break for camp as fast as we can. We will defend ourselves on the way as best we may."

Every man jumped into the wagon and Ruck and his pet followed suit. They drove off at a rattling rate, but soon met an obstacle in the road that brought them to a dead stop.

About a mile from where they had been attacked, the redskins had built a barricade out of dead tree trunks, nearly four feet high. As the team came tearing down, followed swiftly by the Indians, they observed the impediment to their further progress with the wagon and stopped. The enemy gave a shout of exultation, no doubt thinking that the soldiers were now at their mercy.

"Out of this, boys," commanded Ruck. "Jump the barricade and at the red devils, which I see are gathering in front."

The order was executed in a jiffy. The Indians, who had laid in wait for them to block their way were soon driven into the woods with considerable loss in dead and wounded. They concluded to lay in wait for them, knowing that they could not leave their shelter except in front.

Here the first casualty among the soldiers occurred. Corporal Hamilton and a private were

severely wounded. In the meantime some of the Indians had cut loose the mules and drove them off. Things commenced to look bad for the soldiers when Ruck spied a large cave at a short distance, and ordering to charge the Indians, they reached the shelter in safety.

The sergeant was the last to enter and had just time to put a bullet through a redskin, who was in the act of tomahawking him.

The enemy set up a great howl, seeing the soldiers disappearing in the cave, but were too weary to follow them.

A number of the savages climbed upon the bluff, right over the entrance of the cave, some were hiding in the woods, and still others stationed themselves on the right and left of the entrance.

The cave was quite a large one, strewn all over with boulders and pieces of rock, which the soldiers utilized to barricade the entrance up to about three feet, which they used as a parapet from behind which they had an occasional shot at the Indians who lurked in the woods.

Corporal Hamilton and the private, although weak from the loss of blood, were doing nicely, and as they had plenty of water in their canteens, their sufferings were very much alleviated.

After an hour or so Sergeant Ruck held a council of war with his men.

"Boys," he said, "our comrades at the post will wonder what has become of us if we are not home by nightfall. I propose not to wait that long before letting them know how and where we are situated. What do you say if we send Tuck home

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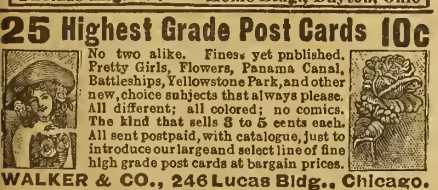
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# PULPIT : TALKS

On Love, Courtship, Marriage, Home

By Rev. Charles Edward Odell

## The True Home Beautiful

By Rev. Charles Edward Odell

I do not advocate a home beautiful, made attractive only by costly and artistic furnishings in pictures, statuary, tapestry, but a home beautiful in its associations. Let the table be the happy meeting place of a merry group, not a dull board where a silent company of animals devour their food. Let the meal time be an occasion where a cheerful laugh is heard, where good things, things of common interest to both parents and children are discussed, and happy good cheer beams from every face. Let the sitting room at evening be the place where a congenial, happy company settle themselves for reading, indulging in harmless and edifying games, or delightful conversation until the hour for prayers and god night kisses are in order. Let there be music in which father and mother join with the young people in the joys of pure, blessed communion about the fireside, which draws and knits their lives and hearts together in more common interests, deeper sympathies, and sweeter love. Let young friends be welcome and made, for a time, a part of the family group. Yes, ever let the house be surrounded by an air of cozy and cheerful good-will. Then your sons and daughters need not be exhorted to love home. Nothing will be able to tempt them away from it for an evening in the streets or in places of questionable amusements.

Cheerfulness has a blessed use when made to grace and brighten the society of home. Unless we are forced to live unnaturally, there are daily intervals in the course of the most breathless drive, the most grinding cares, and most dreary prose, when parents and children can be companions. One of the most beautiful sights today is to see a father and his rapidly developing son comrades, or a mother and her young lady daughter real companions, each delighted with the other's interests, each inspired with the same ideals and pushing forward to the full realization of a happy, cheerful, home life.

The most restful and delightful place on this earth is a truly Christian home. Constituted by the most intimate and delicate relationships, sequestered from

the world by a common dwelling, and still more by peculiar and sacred affinities. United to each other by instinctive, intense, and indestructible affections, by a community of interests, by identity of thought, habit, care. Imbued with a deep and pervading earnestness, its earthly love sanctified by a heavenly love, there is common thankfulness and all interests touch and affect all. Its virtues are moulded by the love of Christ as a constraining influence.

There are houses only one-story high with four plain walls, painfully bare, and enclosing the most meager furnishings, but somewhere there is a man who would die on its threshold rather than surrender it. If humble, and bare of furnishings, it is nevertheless home. If it is sustained by suffering, sacrifice, and denials, it is still home. When weary with the toils and burdens of the day, that home is an inspiration. When he thinks of it he seems to see angels camped about it. Ladders are let down from heaven to every pillow in that house. Over baby's cradle chantings, as sweet as those that broke over the manger of Bethlehem, fall upon his tired ears. The children are growing up to manhood and womanhood. They may dwell in mansions by and by, but he is determined that they shall never forget that home, a lowly place where father, after a day's toil, found blessed rest, and, where mother sang her sweetest lullabys of tenderest love.

What a blessing is home. Man shut up within his little self would have no fear for misery, no sympathy for friendships, no heart for love. Surrounded by the world's temptations, he would have no sanctuary to which he could flee, no pure loving thought of mother, sister, wife, to arm him and stimulate him to virtue. All day long we carry with us, in our hearts, the lives that the home gives us in the morning. Every evening when we return from toil, we bring with us the anticipations of what home will be to us.

The true wife and mother will not as utterly fail in her battle for her husband and sons, against the saloon, the gaming table, and places of shame, when they place the right emphasis upon the home life and nightly home-coming.



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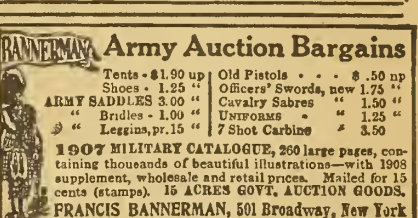
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By May Manton



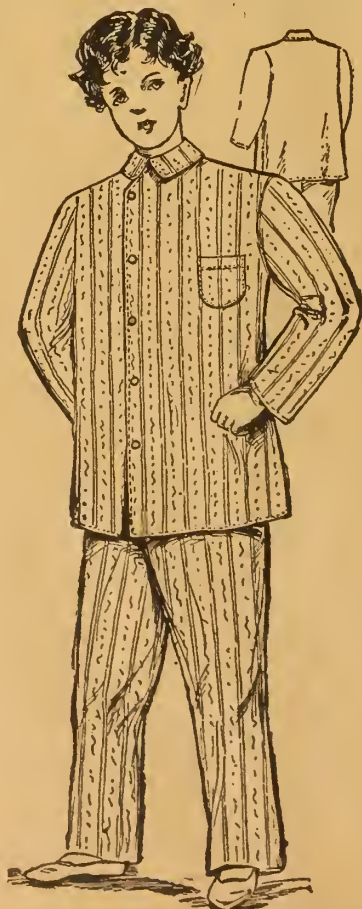
6129 Misses' Naval Blouse, 14, 16 and 18 years.

### Winter Fashion Notes

Close fitting collarettes under the name of "chokers" and made of fur combined with ribbon frills are being worn, and are exceedingly chic. They are closed at the back beneath rosettes or bows of ribbon with ends.

Chiffon broadcloth is being extensively used for indoor gowns. They are charmingly made with plain circular skirts in round length and with boleros braided with soutache and worn over guimpes of lace or net, either in matching or contrasting color.

All long-haired furs are to be much worn this season, and fox in all colors is in great demand. Neck pieces in the form of capes, or small pelerines, are made from one, two, or three entire



5530 Boy's Pajamas, 6 to 14 years.

skins. Huge pillow muffs, quite twenty-two inches across, are the newest and smartest, although those made of whole skins are being much seen.

Buttons as trimming make one of the features of the winter, and tailed skirts finished in this way are among the smartest to be seen. Satin and heavy ribbed silks are much used for covering as well as the material itself.

Young girls are wearing extremely attractive afternoon gowns made of cashmere in such colors as rose, pale blue, pale green, and mustard, made with overwaists and skirts worn over separate guimpes of net or lace.

### Misses' Naval Waist 6129

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6131 Work Apron, 32 to 42 bust.

### Work Apron 6131

To be made with high or square neck, long or three-quarter sleeves.

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6140 Misses' Tucked Blouse, 14 and 16 years.

### Misses' Tucked Blouse 6140

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6142 Loose Fitting House Coat, 34 to 44 bust.



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5974 Child's Bishop Dress, 1, 2, 4 and 6 years.

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## Good Breeding and Gentle Manners

### COURTESY IN TRAVEL

By Elizabeth M. Patton

It was a cold winter evening, and they were all tired—father, mother, and two little ones. They had just arrived in Chicago, and had many hours to ride before reaching their destination, with a tedious wait after the transfer was made from one station to another.

A long distance had to be traveled along a crowded platform, through the gates and the big station, and across another long distance, before their hack was reached. The little mother carried the baby in her arms, while at her side, clinging with one chubby hand to her skirts, trudged a child about two years old. As they passed through the gates, the little fellow stumbled and fell. The father, heavily laden with the luggage so necessary in a long journey, was a little distance ahead, and did not notice the accident. The mother stopped, and with reassuring words tried to encourage the little man to rise to his feet again, but aside from this she was powerless to assist him.

Just then a pleasant-faced young woman stepped forward, and to the weary mother her voice seemed like that of an angel as she gently asked, "Mayn't I help the dear little one? Do you suppose he will let me carry him?" Unresisting, he was lifted into her strong arms. When he was finally placed by his mother's side in the carriage, she noticed for the first time that the young woman wore a little badge pinned on her breast; but before she could determine the exact nature of it, or half express her appreciation of the assistance given, wearer and badge had disappeared in the crowd.

The cold ride was scarcely noticed, so warm was the glow that had been kindled in that mother's heart. The aching arms seemed not so tired, nor the little babe so restless, nor the wait in the station so tedious, all because of the cheerful words and assistance given by the kind-hearted young woman. Whatever the order to which she belonged, there is no doubt that she was following in the steps of Him who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these," and his blessing must surely accompany her.

What are we doing in a quiet way to help some poor, tired soul, some fellow pilgrim, in the journey of life? We often sing, "O, the good we all may do!" but do we take time to do these little things to brighten the lives of others?

### Courtesy in the Home

By Mrs. A. D. Avery Stuttle

We were walking down the street the other day, my friend and I, when we passed two small boys. They were strangers to us both, but the little fellows politely lifted their caps as they passed on.

"There are two little gentlemen!" I remarked, while a feeling of admiration and appreciation filled my heart.

These little fellows were ambitious to be manly—to be men—and they took the best way they could of showing that very laudable ambition. How

I wish every boy were as anxious to be truly manly as these little gentlemen.

Have you ever thought of the meaning of the two words which form the word "gentleman"—"gentle" and "man"? One must be kind, tender, courteous, toward all, to be gentle. Then the word "man," just think what that word means! a being made in the image of God. If we are made in His image, ought we not to be as nearly like Him in our actions and character as possible?

Some people are kind and gentle everywhere except at home. They say "Thank you," and "If you please," to everybody except to those they love best. It always makes me sad to hear any young person speak in a hasty and unpleasant manner to those to whom the highest respect and honor should be shown—the father and mother. If we all could only better realize that the dear mother hands, hard and brown it may be, will not always have strength to toil for us, and will sometime be crossed over the still heart, which now beats in tender and true love for us, I think the tone of voice would acquire a softer sound, and the ungrateful, unloving words would be left unsaid.

A good way to correct the habit of speaking in a harsh and loud voice is for the members of the family to watch one another, not in the spirit of faultfinding, but solely for mutual benefit and improvement. When one is detected indulging in the ugly habit, let him forfeit a penny, which may be kept in a box, and given as a kind of trespass-offering, to some deserving charity.

Oh, the music and the beauty  
Of a soft and gentle voice!  
How it fills the soul with sunshine!  
How it makes the heart rejoice!  
How the merry laugh of childhood  
Seems to banish every care,  
As it echoes through the wildwood,  
In and out and everywhere!  
Ah! 'tis sweeter than the music  
Of earth's famous organs grand—  
Than the tinnabulation  
Of the bells of fairyland.  
Oh, the music and the beauty  
Of a soft and gentle voice!  
How it fills the soul with sunshine!  
How it makes the heart rejoice!

Truly, young people, tell me: Do you often fondly kiss your mothers, and tell them how much you love them, and how grateful you are to them for so much kindness? I hope there are some who can answer "aye" to this question. Let all home-lovers begin now to heed the Bible injunction: "Be pitiful, be courteous." "But," you say, "I know I'm rough and rude, but I don't mean it; it's only my way." Ah, well, it may be your way, but it is not the right way.

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BY HARRIETT META

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I, therefore, bought various brands of cold cream and skin foods and massaged my face with most constant regularity, hoping to regain my former appearance. But the wrinkles simply would not go. On the contrary, they seemed to get deeper. Next I went to a beauty specialist, who told me she could easily rid me of my wrinkles. I paid my money and took the treatment. Sometimes I thought they got less, but after spending all the money I could afford for such treatment, I found I still had my wrinkles. So I gave up in despair and concluded I must carry them to my grave. One day a friend of mine who was versed in chemistry made a suggestion and this gave me a new idea. I immediately went to work making experiments and studying everything I could get hold of on this subject. After several long months of almost numberless trials and discouragements, I finally discovered a process which produced most astounding results on my wrinkles in a single night. I was delighted beyond expression. I tried my treatment again, and lo, and behold, my wrinkles were practically gone. A third treatment—three nights in all—and I had no wrinkles and my face was as smooth as ever. I next offered my treatment to some of my immediate friends, who used it with surprising results, and I have now decided to offer it to the public. Miss Gladys Desmond, of Pittsburg, Pa., writes that it made her wrinkles disappear in one night. Mrs. M. W. Graves of Bridgeport, Conn., states: "There is not a wrinkle left; my friends say I look 20 years younger. I consider your treatment a godsend to womankind." Mrs. James Bars, of Central City, S. D., writes: "The change is so great that it seems more a work of magic." I will send further particulars to any one who is interested absolutely free of charge. I use no cream, facial massage, face steamings or co-called skin foods; there is nothing to injure the skin. It is an entirely new discovery of my own and so simple that you can use it without the knowledge of your most intimate friends. You apply the treatment at night and go to bed. In the morning, lo! the wonderful transformation. People often write to me, "It sounds too good to be true." Well, the test will tell. If interested in my discovery, please address Harriett Meta, Suite 169, Syracuse, N. Y., and I will send you full particulars.

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# The Art of Home Making

By MABEL DEVAL

## The Evening Lamp

The long evenings are now upon us, and the lamps must be in good order. A poor light, smelling of smoke and kerosene, may destroy the enjoyment of a whole evening. In the first place it is dangerous, as well as disagreeable, to use an inferior quality of kerosene. None but the best, well-tested oil should be allowed in the house. Lamps might always be well balanced with broad bases, heavy on the table, that they may not overturn even if they do receive a chance blow. It is better that the lamp have a wide and not very deep bowl, for in that case the oil does not have too far to pass along the wick before reaching the flame. The wick should always fill the tube, an open space down the tube would be dangerous. When a wick becomes old, so that it does not draw the oil steadily, and the flame burns feebly, either throw it away, or, if studying economy—from which school one should never graduate—boil the wick, soak in vinegar and dry. It will then be about as good as new. A lamp ought never to be left from evening to evening without refilling, and lighted with an empty space at the top of the lamp to fill with gas and give opportunity for a possible explosion. Every three or four weeks the burners should be thoroughly cleaned and polished. To insure a good flame the perforated screen, which furnishes air to the flame, should be kept absolutely free from everything that might hinder the passage of air in the least.

It is unpardonable recklessness to fill a lamp while burning. It is also not well to turn the wick low and leave it burning. This is the way in which most explosions occur. Then, too, when turned low the combustion is not complete and gas and fumes are thrown off which are offensive and unwholesome. It is not necessary to trim the wick often with the scissors. When an even, symmetrical flame is once secured, instead of wasting the wick by trimming it away every day, turn it up even with the top of the tube and then rub off the carbonized part with a soft old worn-out tooth brush.

The care of lamps would be greatly expedited if on a shelf next the kerosene can a small box were kept, devoted solely to the little tools and utensils used in cleaning and keeping the lamps in order.

## Ashes

The time for the production of ashes is at hand. Now the wood ashes should not be thrown out in the back yard, the middle of the street, or any place, just to get rid of them. Unleached wood ashes makes an excellent fertilizer for blooming fruit trees, and should be preserved for this purpose. Keep them under cover, in a safe place where there can be no danger from fire, and next spring there will be plenty of valuable fertilizing material to harrow in under the fruit trees.

## Out of Sight, Yet Important

No other room in the home signifies so much as the cellar as to whether or not the housewife is a good housekeeper. She who throws things with a bang down the back cellar stairs with the remark, "Oh, it doesn't matter; nobody'll see down there," is apt to have a chamber of horrors for a cellar, and other rooms not very unlike the subterranean portion of the house. On the other hand, she whose cellar is as spick and span as ever was her parlor, is sure to be known as a most excellent housekeeper. Those desiring to prove themselves deserving of this encomium will be interested in the following admirable suggestions from the Household:

"Be lavish in the use of lime. Charcoal, also, is an excellent disinfectant and purifier. An open box of it makes a good cellar ornament. Admit a draft of fresh air daily, whatever the weather. Do not let rubbish accumulate. If your desire for hoarding old things is irresistible, gratify it anywhere but in the cellar.

"If you have a furnace in the cellar, insist upon its having a cold-air box. The heated air which fills the up-stairs rooms is more healthy if drawn from outdoors into the furnace, than if supplied from the cellar, however clean and well-ventilated the latter may be."

## Selected Household Hints

A poultice of fresh tea leaves moistened with water will cure a sty on the eyelid.

For earache, dissolve asafoetida in water; warm a few drops and drop in the ear; then cork the ear with wool.

Use fresh water. Water that has stood in an open dish over night should not be used for cooking or drinking, as it will have absorbed many foul gases.

Mix a little carbonate of soda with the water in which flowers are immersed, and it will preserve them for a fortnight. Common saltpetre is also a very good preservative.

The true physiological way of treating burns or scalds is to at once exclude the air. Cotton batting, flour, or scraped potato—anything that is suitable and convenient—may be used for the purpose.

Take a new flowerpot, wash it clean, wrap in a wet cloth, and set over butter, and it will keep as hard as if on ice. Milk, if put into an earthen can, or even a tin one, will keep sweet for a long time, if well wrapped in a wet cloth.

To cure bunions, use pulverized saltpetre, and sweet-oil. Obtain at a druggist's five or six cents' worth of saltpetre; put into a bottle with sufficient olive-oil to dissolve it; shake up well, and rub the inflamed joints night and morning, and more frequently if they are painful.

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# A Long Ago Christmas Day in Germany

By WILLIAM W. VON ALTEN

Rome was mistress of the world. The last conquered were the Germans. The Germans were divided at the time into tribes, much as have been our American Indians, and were continually quarreling and fighting among themselves. This was the reason that the Romans had succeeded in subduing these great warriors, so much stronger than themselves, subjugating one after another. Besides being divided into tribes, they were divided into nobles, freemen, and slaves, the slaves being prisoners of war. Every German freeman was proud of his personal liberty and would often prefer death to being made a slave. Only a freeman had the right to carry weapons of war—a spear, a shield, and a sword.

When the Romans conquered the Germans, they deprived them of their war weapons. They were allowed only the lighter spear for the chase and the bow and arrows. In consequence their rage was great and they were constantly engaged in secret planning to shake off the hated Roman yoke and regain their lost liberty.

Of all the tribes, the Cherusci, who lived in the northern part of Germany, were the strongest and most warlike. There were two parties among them, led by two princes, Sigimer and Segest. Sigimer had an only son, whose name was Herman. Segest an only daughter, Thusnelda by name. Herman at the time of our story was twenty-four years old and Thusnelda twenty. They had been betrothed to each other for some years past. They had been absent from their country in Rome and but just returned, but a tale hangs thereby as follows:

Herman was the tallest and strongest of all the Cherusci tribes; therefore the Romans were afraid of him and carried him to Rome as a hostage. Augustus Octavianus, the first emperor of Rome, had a large amphitheater built of stone, the first of its kind. It was designed with an arena in the center, where wild men and beasts had to fight with each other in mortal combat. All around the vast building there was a basement in which apartments were built to har-

bor the wild beasts and wild men in beds of straw. Herman the Cheruscan prince was lodged among them, and in the many fights with men and beasts he had never been vanquished. He was called the king of the arena in consequence, and so proud had he become of his title that he had quite forgotten his noble lineage, his fatherland, and his betrothed. Two years had thus passed, the Cherusci, more and more oppressed by the Romans, had become desperate and were ready to revolt. But they could not agree upon a leader whom they thought able to lead them to victory. All agreed, however, that if Herman were at home he would be the commander of their choice.

It was then that Thusnelda came forward and told them that she would pilgrim to Rome and bring Herman home to save the fatherland. Her offer was eagerly accepted and, being furnished by them with the necessary means, she at once prepared for her perilous mission. She had already perfected a plan for the journey. Near the mouth of the Weser river lived her uncle, Olaf, the fisherman, who was the owner of a large fishing craft. Olaf had been a sailor in his youth and as such had sailed back and forth to Italy often on a Roman vessel, and in consequence knew the way to Rome all right. Thusnelda, having collected a large sum of money, soon came to an agreement with her uncle to sail his vessel to Rome with her on board and bring Herman home to their beloved fatherland. Her uncle Olaf, his son, a young man eighteen years old, and Thusnelda, who was to disguise herself by wearing a suit of sailor clothes, constituted the party.

So they started from the mouth of the Weser out into the North Sea. They, of course, had to find their way along what is now the coast of Holland, France, Portugal, and Spain, from port to port, and through the Strait of Gibraltar into the Mediterranean Sea. And once through said strait, they had no difficulty in finding their way to the mouth of the Tiber River. Besides the persons mentioned there was another passenger on board, a large dog, named Knip, of the wolf hound breed, which was the property of Herman, having been left in the custody of Thusnelda. Herman was very fond of this dog and had cautioned Thusnelda never to part with him, no matter what might happen.

Leaving the boat safely at anchor, with Olaf on board to watch her, Thusnelda, in company with her Cousin Thors and the faithful dog Knip, started on foot to Rome. They soon found the amphitheater where Herman was confined in a cell. They waited till night, so that they could approach without being noticed. Thusnelda told Thors to wait outside with Wolf while she would go into the building alone. At the entrance she met a soldier on guard, who barred her way, but a purse full of gold coin put into his hand made him stand aside. She told him that she had come to visit her countryman, Herman, and the soldier willingly showed her the way to Herman's cell. She entered the cell and by the dim light of a lantern, held

by the soldier, she saw Herman fast asleep upon his bed of straw. Upon her request the soldier awakened Herman by poking him in the ribs with the butt end of his sword. Herman jumped up, being thus rudely disturbed, and confronted the soldier ready for combat. But Thusnelda stopped him, telling him that she had a message from his father. Herman gazed at her in confusion, not recognizing Thusnelda in her disguise. "Tell me your message, but be brief, for I am more in a mood to sleep than to listen to your tale."

"Your father wants to know that you are well," said Thusnelda in her native tongue.

"Tell my father that his son is well and lives in glory, that he is called King of the Arena; no fighter can stand against him."

"I shall deliver your message, Herman, for your father can hear me as well as ever; but see me he cannot, for he has turned blind."

"Boy, what do you say; do I hear aright; my father blind; how came he so? Did the Romans pierce his eyes?"

"O, no, Herman, your father wept night and day till he was blind."

"My father wept, you say; what for?"

"You ask what for, Herman? Have you not heard of the disgrace and misery of your countrymen? Upon the order of the Roman commander they had to give up their swords, shields, and spears, and were forbidden to bear arms of any kind except those used in the chase."

"Heaven and earth, boy; is that your tale to me? Has it come to this—that the freemen of my country have lost their personal liberty?"

"Aye, Herman; but they are ready to revolt if they had you back among them for a leader. Beware to trifle with me, boy; how am I to know that what you say be true. Can you prove to me beyond a doubt that what you say be true?"

"Herman, I will in a moment."

Thusnelda told the soldier to bring in Thors with Wolf. When Wolf saw and recognized his old master he jumped forward and, putting his big paws upon Herman's shoulder, licked his face and whined with joy. Herman returned the caress by patting the dog's head and cried: "Wolf, where is Thusnelda; have you come but to tell me of her death?"

When Wolf heard the name Thusnelda spoken by Herman he understood at once, and, letting go the hold of his master, he fawned upon Thusnelda in her disguise, as if to say, 'Here she is.' Then Thusnelda took off her cap and, untying the knot of her beautiful golden tresses, let them drop over her shoulders and cried, "Herman, don't you know me?"

Herman became frantic with joy. He took her in his stout arms and pressed her passionately to his breast. "Thusnelda, take me out of this, back to our dear fatherland. I am ready to lead my countrymen to liberty and freedom."

They reached the fishing craft in safety, after several narrow escapes from being arrested by the Roman

guards. Then they were greeted with great joy by Uncle Olaf. After an uneventful voyage they arrived at Uncle Olaf's home, at the mouth of the Weser, in the month of October, A. D. 8.

Herman was received by the Cherusci freemen with great rejoicing, and he arranged with them that they would postpone their onslaught on the Romans till the great festival of the winter solstice, the most sacred day to all the German tribes. In the meantime they should provide themselves with arms as best they could, but leave their arms with their women.

According to custom, all the nobles and freemen were wont to assemble on this day fully equipped for war with all their weapons to celebrate. But on this day they had to assemble under the sacred pine tree without their arms and stood dejected with downcast looks surrounded by the Roman soldiers, who derided them with vile words, saying, "Why do you not celebrate?" All at once Herman appeared, fully equipped for war—helmet on his head, the skin of a huge bear he had killed around his shoulders, his big shields in his left hand and his mighty sword in his right hand ready for mortal combat.

He pushed himself through the ranks of the Romans and, stepping into the midst of his countrymen, he cried: "To arms; to arms." And the women ran and brought the weapons to the men. Then came the terrible war cry of the Germans and the clash of arms.

Although the Romans resisted with their accustomed bravery and fought desperately, they were all killed with their centurion. Thus begun the revolt of the Germans against the Roman tyrants, on Christmas day, A. D. 8, which ended in the following year with the great battle in the Tueteburg forest, resulting in the annihilation of the entire Roman army in Germany. The legions of Varus, the pride of imperial Rome. Upon learning of their utter extinction, the mighty Caesar in his dejection exclaimed: "Varus, Varus, give me back my legions."

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# WITH THE EDITOR

## The Gladsome Christmas-Tide

The gladdest of all the year's holidays is Christmas, the day generally recognized as commemorating the birth of the world's Saviour. Surely this world, in which is so much of sorrow, want, wretchedness, and woe, sadly needs a Saviour. Surely, then, the day that especially calls to the mind the coming to this world of Him whom millions worship and acclaim as their Saviour, should cause all alike to rejoice and be exceeding glad.

Unfortunately, too many make the Christmas-tide a time for thoughtless merriment, careless hilarity, self-indulgence, folly, sin, and general license for all kinds of evil excess. People who do thus, miss the real meaning of Christmas and know nothing of its true gladness.

The hearts of all who truly rejoice at Christmas-time will be filled with the true Christ-love—the love that "seeketh not her own," but rather seeks to add to the enduring good of others. That love will prompt us not simply to give things, but, as did the Saviour, to give ourselves, wholly and unreservedly, for the good and blessing of others.

Most truly and beautifully has the poet phrased it: "Not what we give, but what we share, For the gift without the giver is bare. Who giveth himself with his alms feeds three—Himself, his hungry neighbor and Me."

The presents we give are only tokens, mute emblems, of that supremely better gift,—our own selves, our own heart-love. Without the last-named gift, all else is but "sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." Only those who thus seek and find this better part, this higher and nobler significance of the happy Christmas time, can enter fully into its true joy and gladness; they only can join in the happy refrain,—"Glad tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. \* \* \* and on earth peace, good will toward men."

## Delightfully Unassuming

No other grace so adorns the character of the true lady or gentleman as that of real genuine, unassuming, unobtrusive modesty. Not infrequently young people are prone to become marvelously wise,—in their own eyes,—self-opinionated, and to exhibit a sort of know-it-all manner. This is most often manifested between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years,—the sophomore period, when the glimmering light of knowledge first begins to dawn upon the evolving mind of youth. As a rule, when more and stronger light shines into the mind of every one, he will ere long begin to see the folly of "feeling big" over his own limited attainments; and as he gains a glimpse of the boundless ocean of truth, on whose hither shores he stands, he will begin to wonder how he ever could have been vain or puffed up, and will then feel his own utter littleness, as compared with the great infinities that beckon him on to fathom their mysteries and garner some of the truth-

gems their immensities contain.

Unfortunately, some men never recover from the dangerous disease known as "big-head." Very truly has Zimmerman, the Swiss philosopher, written: "Many studious characters are so puffed up by arrogance, presumption, self-conceit, and vanity, that they can scarcely speak on any subject without hurting the feelings of their friends, and giving cause of triumph to their enemies. The counsel and instruction they affect to give is so mixed with ostentatious pedantry that they destroy the very end they wish to promote."

Doubtless one of the most charming examples of modesty afforded us either by ancient or modern history is that of the great Athenian philosopher, Plato. He was so totally free from personal vanity and conceit—qualities exhibited only by intellectual featherweights—that it was impossible to discover in him by casual observation and ordinary conversation, the possession of that sublime imagination and almost divine intellect, which rendered him the idol of his time and the admiration of succeeding generations. Of him the following incident is related:

"On his return from Syracuse, to which place he had been invited by Dionysius the younger, he visited Olympia to be present at the performance of the Olympic games; and he was placed on the seat appropriated to foreigners of the highest distinction, but to whom he was not personally known. Some of them were so pleased with the ease, politeness, wisdom, and vivacity of his conversation, that they accompanied him to Athens, and, on their arrival in that city, requested him to procure for them an interview with Plato. But how pleasing and satisfactory was their surprise, when, on his replying with a smile, 'I am the person whom you wish to see,' they discovered that this affable and entertaining companion, with whom they had traveled without discovering his excellency, was the most learned and profound philosopher at that time existing in the world!"

## Thinking Out Thoughts

It is a great accomplishment to be able to "think on one's feet." It is no less an accomplishment to be able to think out one's thoughts fully, and to formulate in the mind a fitting expression of them before they are transmitted to paper with pen or pencil. In composing essays and orations, many students write long-drawn-out articles, containing four or five times as many words as it is intended the completed article shall contain. Then they start in upon the task of trimming, pruning, and cutting down. After much labor and a great waste of time, the essay or oration begins to approach its proper limits. Much the better method would be thoroughly to master the subject to be discussed and do all the trimming, pruning, and cutting out before the writing is begun. By pursuing this course, the mind will be strengthened, and the power to think concisely and to the point will be acquired.

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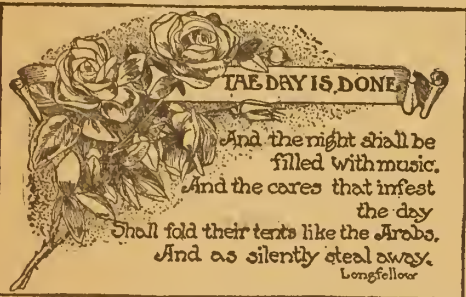
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### Plan for a Children's Christmas

A mother said to me not long since, "Oh, what is the use of fixing up a big tree and having all the rest of the Christmas finery. The more my children get, the less they care for the things. They seem positively indifferent." This is too often true. The child of today is so satiated at the age of eight or nine, that little favors shown them are not appreciated. But are not the parents, in a measure, responsible for this state of affairs?

If the child were taught to be more self-reliant and helpful to others at all times, would it not, when Christmas or any other festivity came, feel that it must contribute its share of usefulness and helpfulness to make others happy?

### Dicken's View of Christmas

Long ago, Dickens, the great lover of childhood, wrote: "I have always thought of Christmas as a good time—a kind, loving, forgiving, charitable time," and so today echoes every heart that truly loves the holy Christmastide. It is a time calculated to bring to the surface all that is best in one's nature. We should all be animated with the spirit of love and gladly do with loving fingers something for somebody, and give for the very love of giving. In the ideal kindergarten, such as Froebel advocates, the child early learns that his vocation does not consist in exacting services from others; on the contrary, he is taught from the day he enters the little flock, to aid the weaker ones, bear and forbear, and the most important thing of all, to give himself. The little songs, morning talks, and occupations, also foster in him a love of nature and animal life. Everything becomes something to be appreciated, whether animate or inanimate. His pets, the four-footed friends, the trees, and wild flowers, have all contributed what they could, orated with gilding or frosted effects

so why should not he also be more than ready to do his part.

For weeks before Christmas our little flock lives in anticipation of the feast to come. The day itself is but a small part of the pleasure that is stitched, cut, folded, or sewed, and molded into little keepsakes for loving friends and relatives. Shall we not, then, do all we can to foster, nourish, and perpetuate this idea of loving kindness and cheerful giving in the home?

### The Christmas Party Tree

There is perhaps nothing that is so much enjoyed by the children as a Christmas-tree at the home. The German custom of having a brilliantly lighted tree for the children has become quite universal in our country.

The custom of having the Christmas tree in the home and keeping it until after the New Year has also become quite general; but the "Christmas Party Tree" is perhaps a little different from the average home tree, inasmuch as it is a transitory affair, and so must be trimmed accordingly. It must be very brilliant and gorgeous while it lasts; but its beauty disappears after it has served its purpose. This can be so arranged as to be enjoyed by young and old, a sort of family tree. The little guests must not feel badly at leaving it or seeing it plundered, as it is supposed to be merely for the time being, and each one carries home some little remembrance from the Christmas-tree party. The gifts for the children will form a part of the tree decorations, for the picking of the fruits is very fascinating work, and can be made a part of their enjoyment. The little packages or presents can be wrapped in pretty colored tissue paper, and tied with bright ribbon to match, forming part of the color scheme of the tree. The branches should be decorated with gilding or frosted effects



Each year brings new ideas in decorating Christmas trees, and with these so many beautiful things can be made by the children so as to make this special "party tree" beautiful indeed. A very handsome effect is secured by having the tips of the green branches glittering with crystals and reflecting the light in different colors to harmonize with the packages and ribbons.

A recipe to produce this effect is: Take a pound of alum, put into a large pan or bucket, and pour about a gallon of boiling water over it. Place the tree so that the tips of the branches can remain in this solution from six to eight hours, and repeat the process according to the number of branches you want tipped.

### Great Variety of Ornaments

Other pretty ornaments can be made at home. Cut figures, such as crescents, hearts, anchors, roses, and stars out of pasteboard, brush them on both sides with liquid glue, then dip them in a bowl filled with mustard-seed or powdered rice. When this coat is perfectly dry, it may be gilded or colored, thus making a very showy effect. Then there are tiny flags which can be purchased by the dozen very cheaply, and thrust into small red apples. Gilded English walnuts are also very pretty and give an appearance of golden fruit. A way to do this is to take a small feather and brush the nut with mucilage, then roll it in gold powder until the nut is well covered. Tin-foil can also be taken to give a silvered effect. To produce the effect of glittering snow, distribute cotton and scatter tanners' powder or shavings over it; diamond dust will also produce a most sparkling effect.

These are only a few suggestions for the party tree. The children will find many other things among their cast-off treasures that can be utilized for this purpose. Although these ornaments are inexpensive, they will not only help to make the tree very beautiful, but will be taken home and prized as souvenirs, if they are divided among the children at the close of the evening. If the tree is placed on the library table, the children will be apt to see all parts of it much better than if it is set upon the floor.

A very pretty decoration for festooning the room is to make gold and silver chains out of strips of paper about one inch wide and four inches long. These are pasted together so as to form links. Putting the ends of the chain in the corners of the ceiling and joining them to the top of the tree or chandelier makes a very pretty effect. These chains are to be made by the little five or six-year-olds in the family, as it is a simple kindergarten occupation that every mother and child is familiar with.

### Gifts the Children Can Make

I suggest that neatness and appropriateness be considered the first requisite for a home-made Christmas gift. There are so many pretty things that can be made, as court-plaster cases, handkerchief cases, blotters, and calendars, by the children. The court-plaster case can be made of two pieces of heart-shaped white celluloid with layers of court-plaster of different colors put between these. The edges of the celluloid can be decorated with ribbon

laced over the edge, small holes having been previously punched with a penknife for this purpose. On the upper cover can be printed a little appropriate rhyme, the same color as the ribbon. Gold paint can be used for the printing, or a little oil color mixed with white varnish, thinned with a little turpentine. Very dainty little needle-books can be made in the same way, substituting chamois in place of the celluloid.

A neat and useful handkerchief-case can be made out of a Japanese embroidered silk handkerchief; the four corners folded to the center and tied with pretty ribbons to match the embroidery on the kerchief. A lining of some contrasting shade of silk that harmonizes with the ribbon is very pretty, with an interlining of batting saturated with sachet-powder.

A decorated blotter is also easily made and makes a very pleasing gift. Cut it the desired size with a penknife, cloud the outside cover with white water-color paint. Then take the wrists of old gray gloves and clean them thoroughly and cut out figures of flying birds (these figures can be found in old samples of embroidery books), and paste them on the clouded blotter. Color the heads, edges of wings, and forked part of tails with black ink. Glue under the bird's beak small oblong pieces of white cardboard to represent envelopes, and mark the outlines of these in black ink also. This completes the outside cover. Next take three or four pieces of blotting-paper, the same size as the cover, and punch a hole in the upper left-hand corners of cover and blotting-paper, and tie them all together with a pretty bright ribbon. A very showy and sparkling effect is produced by sprinkling diamond-dust over the clouded cover before putting the birds on.

### Christmas Work by the Little Ones

The little ones can also make themselves very useful at this joyful giving time. Their gifts consist of such things as match-scratchers, boxes made from weaving mats and folding paper, picture-frames, horse-reins, book-marks, and scrap-books. The match-scratchers are made of sewing-cards, on which can be sewed a prismatic wheel, taking the rainbow colors in their order and repeating if necessary. The book is covered with emery paper, and the ribbon is pasted on each side of the top to hang it by.

The horse-reins are made in the old familiar way, by making what the children call "a cord through a spool." Take the large empty linen thread spools and put strong tacks on the upper end to hold the worsted in place; a thin wire nail is used to pick up the top loops. When finished and decorated with sleigh-bells these make very acceptable gifts.

Blotting-sheets and picture-frames are made of birch-bark and also of leather paper on which simple patterns of lines are sewed with pretty colored worsteds. These articles are mounted on paste-board, and the two or three sheets of blotting-paper for the blotter are fastened with ribbon. The backs of the frames are fastened together with paste.

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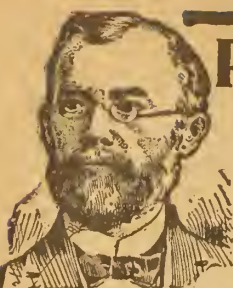
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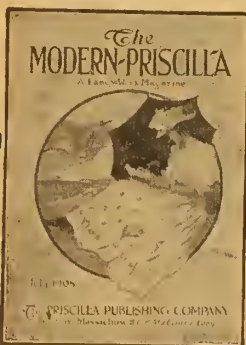
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## Pleasing the Palate

### THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

By Carrie B. Bryce

In preparing a Christmas dinner, leave nothing to be done on Christmas day that can possibly be done before. Prepare your house, as far as possible, the second day before Christmas, leaving the day just preceding the holiday for kitchen work.

For the menu given below, several things can be prepared on this day. White and brown bread can be baked, cranberry sauce and squash prepared, turkey cleaned and put to drain, bread and crackers made, and oysters for dressing chopped and placed in a cool place. The last thing at night pare your potatoes and cover with cold water. The next morning drain off water, and recover with fresh.

#### What to Do Christmas Morning

On Christmas morning, while preparing breakfast, finish making the dressing and stuff your turkey, setting to one side until time to place in the oven. This will be governed by the number of pounds the bird weighs.

Immediately after breakfast, clear your table, and put your dining-room in proper order, using holly for decorative purposes. If not obtainable, myrtle and bitter-sweet berries, which are quite as pretty, may be substituted. Then enlarge the table, allowing plenty of room for each individual. Cover the table with table-felt, or heavy cotton or outing flannel, (where neither is a part of the family furnishings, old sheets can be properly placed so as to pad the table), and spread over it the tablecloth, which should be spotless white, well ironed, and without starch. Place a fruit-dish in the center of the table, and circle with holly.

#### Laying the Table

At the right of the place where the plate should be, place a knife and two spoons; at the left, two forks; and at side of forks, bone-dish; at the upper end of bone-dish, individual butter-plates, or the bread-and-butter plate. A water glass should be placed at the upper end of forks; at left of bone-dish, place the cranberry sauce. The napkin should be placed where the plate is to be laid, and in the center of it should lie a spray of holly and a pin. Salt-and-pepper sets should be set on doilies within easy reach, also two dishes of pickles at quarter-lengths of table. The doilies should be embroidered in holly and berries, if possible. Water-glass doilies of same design will improve the appearance of the table. At the head of the table place carving-knife and fork and vegetable dishes. At the foot of the table place creamer, sugar bowl, and coffee cups and saucers. The dinner plates should be warmed, and placed at the left of host when dinner is ready to serve. The turkey naturally should occupy the position of honor on the table, directly in front of the one presiding. Vegetable dishes should be within easy reach. These should be uncovered, and not brought to the table until you are ready to seat guests.

#### The Menu

Roast Turkey  
With Oyster Dressing  
Cranberry Sauce  
Mashed Potatoes  
Lemon Sweets  
Steamed Squash  
White and Brown Bread  
Pickles  
Carrot Pudding  
Fruit  
Sauce  
Coffee

Prepare turkey as directed above, and rub well with salt and pepper. Place the fowl and giblets in dripper containing one and a half quarts of boiling water. Bake slowly at first. At the end of the first hour remove dripper from oven, and turn the turkey over; return to the oven, and bake slowly another hour. After this, increase heat of oven, and baste turkey frequently until tender. If baked in a roaster, there is no need of basting, but the turkey should be turned over two or three times. Allow twenty-five minutes to each pound of meat.

#### Dressing for Turkey

Take two and one-half quarts of chopped dry bread crumbs and one pint of rolled cracker crumbs, and salt and pepper to taste. Pour boiling water slowly over this, stirring lightly with a fork until crumbs are well moistened (not soaked); then add one pint of chopped oysters (drained), a teacupful of melted butter, and a beaten egg. Mix lightly and fill turkey.

#### Making the Gravy

To prepare gravy, remove giblets from dripper twenty minutes or half an hour before serving dinner, and chop very fine. Place in saucepan, and dip into it about two teacups of gravy from dripper, stirring well before dipping, so as not to get too much of the grease that rises on top. Add a little boiling water, and place on stove; when boiling, add two tablespoons of flour, rubbed smooth, in a little milk or water; stir until flour is well cooked in; then set on back of stove.

#### Cranberry Sauce

Wash three pints of cranberries after all stems and bad berries have been removed; put to boil in a porcelain dish with one quart of boiling water. Boil twenty minutes, stirring occasionally, and mashing berries. Then remove from stove, and put through flour-sieve. This will remove skins and nearly all seeds. Return to dish, and add three teacupfuls of granulated sugar; boil hard eight minutes, and remove from fire. When cold, it is ready for the table.

#### Mashed Potatoes

Put to boil twelve medium-sized pared potatoes in kettle of boiling water, to which has been added a large tablespoonful of salt. Boil thirty-five minutes; drain, and mash, adding pepper and more salt if needed, one-half cup of sweet cream or one-half cup milk, and one-third cup butter. Cream well together.

#### Steamed Squash

This should be prepared the day before Christmas. Choose a very hard-



shelled Hubbard squash weighing about seven pounds; break into pieces, and remove seeds and all soft portions; steam until the shell can be easily pierced with a fork; then remove from steamer, and scrape from shell into a dish that will fit tightly over the kettle you intend to boil your potatoes in the next day. Mash, and set away. When you put your potatoes on to boil, place the squash over potato kettle, keeping well covered, and stirring occasionally. When hot, add salt and pepper to taste, and two-thirds to one cup of butter. Stir well, and keep covered until ready to serve. If the squash proves not to be a sweet one, a dessert-spoonful of sugar will improve it.

#### Pickles

Serve one plate of sour pickles and one of sweet, using whatever pickles you have.

#### Carrot Pudding

One cup grated carrot, one cup grated potatoes, one cup very finely chopped suet, one cup brown sugar, one and two-thirds cups flour, one teaspoonful soda, two cups chopped seeded raisins, one-half cup chopped almonds, or in its place one-half cup chopped dried cherries. Steam three hours. No spices are used. Do not let water stop boiling. This is a good substitute for a plum-pudding, and much more wholesome.

#### Sauce for Pudding

Melt two-thirds of a cup of butter; add to it one cup of sugar, in which has been stirred two small tablespoonfuls of flour and two-thirds of a grated nutmeg. Add one pint of boiling water, stirring constantly until the sauce has thickened. If the sauce should be thicker than desired, add a little more water. This sauce may be made just before dinner, and set in warming-oven or on stove shelf until time to be served.

#### Fruit

This should always include apples, preferably red, and such other fruits as the taste may suggest and the purse allow. Oranges and white or green grapes with the red apples make a pretty dish.

#### Lemon Tarts

Boil eight or ten medium-sized sweet

potatoes until nearly done; remove from kettle, and pare them; cut once in two, lengthwise, and place in baking dish in which there is one-fourth cup melted butter; sprinkle with salt and pepper, and one teaspoonful granulated sugar; dot over with butter, and squeeze the juice of one lemon over all; slice half a lemon very thin, and place over top. Bake in covered dish one-half hour, or until juice is consistency of syrup. Serve from table in individual dishes.

#### Coffee

Two-thirds Java and one-third Mocha is a good mixture. Allow one table-spoonful of coffee for each person and an extra spoonful for every six persons. Mix one-half pound coffee and one egg thoroughly. This does away with using egg for settling of coffee at the time of making. Pour one pint of cold water over it, and set on back of stove, where it will slowly heat; when it comes to a boil, fill urn to the desired amount, and set where it will keep hot, but not boil. Just before serving dinner, drain off into a heated urn, ready to take to the table.

To this menu may be added, if so desired, celery, fruit cake, and bonbons.

#### A Plan for Meeting the Bill

Perhaps some of Vick's readers might be interested in the method our family took to obtain the desired money for our last Christmas dinner. Sometime during the summer, the boy of the home thought of this plan, after having been reproved several times for finding fault with some feature of the daily menu. He placed his child's bank in the center of the table, and said, "Now, every time any one finds a word of fault at the table, he must deposit one cent in this bank, and week before Christmas I will open it, and give the contents to mother with which to buy our Christmas dinner." This scheme worked well for several weeks, the bank doing a good business; but the deposits kept falling off until at the time of its being opened, it received only one cent a week from each member of the family. Suffice to say, we had nearly enough to buy all the extras for our dinner, and, best of all, were nearly cured of a very bad habit.

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"Oh, yais, sir; it's a tame tu'key, ol right."  
"Now, Ephraim, are you sure it's a tame turkey?"  
"Oh, yais, sir; dere's no so't o' doubt 'bout dat. It's a tame tu'key ol right."  
He consequently bought the turkey, and a day or so later, when eating it, he came across several shot. Later on, when he met old Ephraim on the street, he said:  
"Well, Ephraim, you told me that was a tame turkey, but I found some shot in it when I was eating it."  
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## FOR THE WEE ONES

### PART I.

### THE LIFE STORY OF A SNOWFLAKE

By Ethel Terry Reeder

Dear Ralph: Uncle John has just finished reading us a story about a snowflake. As snow is just water in another form, the story is really about water; so uncle said for us to take our pencils and paper, and when he read anything that we didn't understand to write it down and when he had finished reading we could ask him questions. We did not have time for the questions today, but uncle said that at the first opportunity we would talk about them. Uncle said that I might have the story to send to you; so I will send it with this letter. I hope that you will enjoy it as much as we did.

Your affectionate cousin, Herbert.

"Was I always a snowflake?" Oh, dear me, no! But if you are interested in my history and will be quiet, I will tell you of my long life.

The first thing I remember I was a drop of water away in the great ocean. The fishes and great sea animals swam and played about me; and when the current bore me to the surface all I could see was water, water, water everywhere. But the sun shone down warm and bright, and soon a great number of us little water drops became so warm that we expanded into the form of vapor, and floated up, up toward the sky. Oh, it was glorious—that first ride up through the soft warm air, with the great blue ocean

below and the great blue sky above! After awhile I found myself away up somewhere—I scarcely knew where—huddled close to my companions and being borne away by a strong east wind which hurried us along at a lively rate. Soon we came down near the earth, with its trees and green fields. I saw people moving about—black people with curly hair—and heard one of them say that there was a cloud coming, and that they would have rain. Just then one of my companions told me that we were passing over Africa.

Soon after this I heard a great crash, which I knew was thunder; and in a few minutes we struck something with great force, and one of my companions whispered, "The mountains!" The next thing I knew I, with my companions, was rolling away down the mountain side in a torrent, carrying with us rocks and pieces of trees. I got so cold during my long journey that I was glad to draw myself together and be water again.

It was not long after this that I found myself rolling along down the course of a beautiful mountain stream. The particles of dust and sand had been deposited, little by little, along the way, until now people remarked

about what a beautiful, clear stream of water this was that went rushing along over these rocks. In a little while I heard a noise that sounded something like the thunder and a moment later I went dashing over a waterfall. With a great number of my companions I was hurled against a rock, and was thrown high in the air in the form of spray; but soon we collected ourselves, fell back into the stream, and rushed on. The brook soon emptied itself into a larger stream, and in time this gave its waters to a great river, which flowed on so quietly and peacefully that I found it very restful after my turbulent journey. The obstacles which would have made the brook murmur, and complain, and lash itself into foam, the river either pushed aside or flowed over so quietly that it scarcely made a ripple on the surface. I heard a drop of water near me—one which had traveled much more than I had—say that it was much the same with people. It is not those who meet the fewest difficulties, but those who have the power to push them aside or rise above them, who have the most peaceful and useful lives.

Just here the drop above me whispered down that this was the river Nile, and that he was sure we were

passing through Egypt, for he had passed this way before. It was not long before I found myself at the surface of the water.

First we rolled through fields where men were plowing with queer, unshapely plows drawn by oxen. Soon a dark-faced little boy, with queer shaped eyes and straight, black hair, sat down on the bank and floated a rude toy boat over me, while his sister dropped leaves into the river.

Farther on we passed a beautiful building with huge marble columns, which, I was told, was a temple erected for the worship of the sun. The river rolled on, and I saw many men making brick of the yellow clay of the river. While most of them worked others stood by with cruel-looking whips, and I saw one of them strike one of the workers. My companions, who had traveled this way before, told me that these were Hebrew slaves, and the men with whips were their Egyptian taskmasters.

I had only a few minutes to watch these people, for the river moved on, and I was pushed nearer and nearer the bank. Soon, with a few of my companions, I drifted out into a quiet bayou, where flags and rushes grew, and where great white water-lilies, with their glossy green leaves, floated on the water's surface.

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Failure to Bloom—"Last fall I set out twelve roses—two-year-old plants—this spring six more. Eight failed to bloom. What was wrong?"

(Mrs. S. T. G.)

Very likely the plants had not fully established themselves. Because a plant is put into the ground does not insure flowers from it the first season. It must have time to adapt itself to its new quarters and develop strong roots. I would not advise transplanting any of the bushes that failed to bloom until another season. If your other roses do well, the chances are that the newly-set ones will, in due time. The person who grows flowers must learn to "possess her soul with patience."

Cinnamon Vine—"I have had a cinnamon vine five years. It grows well but does not bloom. Why not?"

(Miss E. I. S.)

I can't say; vines that grow well generally bloom late in the season. However, you can congratulate yourself on not having lost much by the failure of your plant to bloom, as its chief value is in its foliage.

Tuberous Begonias—"I have had two varieties of tuberous begonias for several years. They do not increase. How are they propagated?"

(E. I. S.)

This class of begonias does not form new tubers or offsets. The old tubers can be cut into pieces, like a potato. Each piece having an eye, or growing point, will form a tuber.

Leaf for Name—"What's the name of the plant from which inclosed leaf was taken? It came with a funeral piece of lilies."

(Mrs. A. R. B.)

It appears to be a laurel-leaved willow. It is impossible to say positively, as the specimen is so dry, but if it had a bright, glossy surface when received I am confident that the above surmise is correct.

Wintering Fuchsias—"My fuchsias hardly ever bloom in winter, and I am wondering if I can keep them in the cellar."

(Mrs. H. B. C.)

The cellar's the place for them. I cannot understand why persons never get rid of the belief that the fuchsia is a winter-bloomer. Ninety-nine out of a hundred who grow this plant will admit that they hardly get a flower from it in winter, and yet they keep on giving it a place in the window-garden. The fact is, the fuchsia is a summer-bloomer, with the exception of two or three varieties (which are not much grown, because they are not as attractive as the summer-bloomer), and there is no use in trying to make it bloom out of season. Therefore, if you would enjoy this plant to the best advantage, give it a treatment that will make it productive of flowers from May to October; and then let it rest. It should remain dormant from December to March, and this it will do if stored in the cellar and kept quite dry at its roots. Never mind if its leaves fall off; new ones will come to take their places when the plant starts into growth in spring. The shrubs in the

garden lose all their leaves in fall, and the winter treatment advised for the fuchsia is calculated to initiate nature's method as applied to out-door plants.

Yellow Oxalis—"I have seen a most beautiful yellow oxalis that blossoms in winter. I would like to buy a plant but don't know where to get it. Can you give me any information?"

(Mrs. H. W.)

The variety you are in search of is catalogued as buttercup. It is not sold as a plant. You get roots, or tubers, and plant them for yourself. Give them a rich, sandy soil. Use at least half a dozen to an ordinary sized pot. Keep the pot in a sunny window. You are right in thinking this oxalis a beautiful plant. It is one of our best winter-bloomers.

Old vs. Young Geraniums for Winter—"I have just read an article in which the writer said, geraniums for winter use ought to be started in early fall. Old plants, she says, are worthless. Is this true?"

(B. K. W.)

No, it is not true. No one who knows what she is talking about will make such a statement. A young plant, grown from a cutting rooted in fall, may blossom in winter, but it will have but few flowers, because there are few branches, and the number of flower-trusses a plant has is always dependent on the number of its branches. A young plant cannot be expected to do much in the way of flowering because of its limited capacity. It must develop before it can produce many flowers. Old plants which have developed many branches will bloom just as freely from all their branches as the young one does from its one, or two, or three branches; therefore their superiority as winter-bloomers will be readily understood. Of course old plants which were allowed to bloom all summer cannot be expected to keep on blooming prolifically all winter, but plants one, two, or three years old, kept expressly for winter use, and not allowed to bloom at all from May to December, will give you a constant and generous supply of flowers throughout the winter season, and convince you that whoever says an old plant is worthless isn't one whose advice is worth following. I have geraniums in my green-house seven and eight years old that bloom as freely as any year-old plant, and I get more blossoms from each one of them than I would get from a score of young plants, because they have each as many branches as a score of young plants would have.

Double Petunias for Winter—"Can I take up double petunias from the garden and make winter-bloomers of them?"

(E. O. S.)

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## AT THE NEEDLE'S POINT

By GRACE D. GRAVES

Now that winter is here with its long evenings, many people devote not a little time to making fancy work for holiday and birthday gifts.

Any of the pretty embroidery designs here shown are appropriate for this purpose.

Among the many embroidered novelties, nothing is prettier or more acceptable than a dainty chemise, which

cover. It should be worked in eyelet or French embroidery, the stems being done in outline stitch. The little garment fastens down the center front through the box plait, ribbon-run beading finishing the waist. Many of the garments when developed in thin silks are embroidered in delicate colors, such as faint green, pale pink, blue, and lavender, the ribbon matching the most prominent color.

### Charming Shirt Waists

The little jumper shirt waist design No. 501, may be transferred to any material, such as surah or taffeta silk, satin liberty silk, mesaline, heavy linen, Persian or Victoria lawn, batiste, cashmere or challis. The design should be embroidered with heavy silk floss if used on any of the silk or satin weaves, or in mercerized cotton if used on cotton and wash materials. It is at its best when developed in a combination of eyelet and outline work, the edges of the "V"



No. 548

may be developed in fine nainsook, Persian lawn, batiste, thin cambric, or China silk, the latter being much used for underclothes this season. The design No. 548 is a charming one, and should be worked in what is known as French embroidery, with heavy mercerized cotton. The scalloped edge and the dainty leaf design are very easy to work, and a row of worked buttonholes through which the ribbon regulating the fullness is run, completes the design. The hem of these chemises are usually feather-stitched, or if they are finished with a ruffle should have a rolled hem, finished with a ruffle, this ruffle should have a rolled hem, finished with a narrow edging of lace, which should also trim the armholes.

### Three Dainty Corset Covers

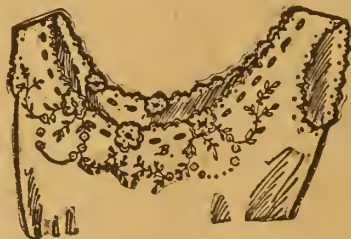
The three dainty corset-cover designs, which are made up in the same materials as the chemise, are the styles that are the most worn at the present time. The first one, No. 516, is designed for the corset cover which opens on the shoulder, or is slipped on over the head. The design may be worked in French or eyelet embroidery, or a combination of both,



No. 520

neck and sleeve caps being first stuffed and then done in buttonhole work. A pretty combination would be light blue challis, heavily embroidered with white and delicate pink mercerized cotton.

The design, No. 507, is for a plain shirt waist buttoned in the back. This is one of the very prettiest designs, and if made in thin Persian lawn, nainsook or batiste, should be worked in shadow embroidery, which is always most effective, especially if a faint tracery of feather stitching is put along the outside edge of the design, on the right side of the material. The little flowers, the round straight collar. These waists are also charming made of crepe de chine or China silk.



No. 516

with mercerized cotton. This design is a conventional bud and leaf one, making irregular circles, one of these enclosing the owner's monogram daintily hand-embroidered.

The second design, No. 520, is for a corset cover buttoned in the back, or slipped on over the head, according to taste. The design is a bow-knot, which holds trailing wild roses and their foliage, which encloses the first initial of the owner's name, done in a rather large character. The round neck is scalloped, a large dot being placed between each one, and the ribbon regulating the fullness is run through worked buttonholes, placed rather wide apart. A wide ribbon-run beading holds the fullness in place at the waist.

The third design, No. 517, is a design to be transferred to an Empire corset-



No. 517



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The pretty little bib, No. 549, which is made from damask, linen, in white or its natural color, is embroidered in a forget-me-not design, with red mercerized cotton in outline stitch. This may be embroidered in all white if preferred



No. 501

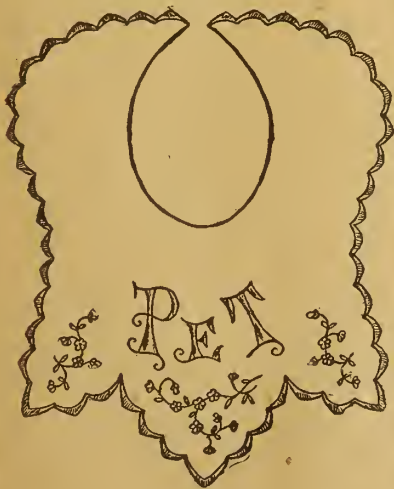
or if the bib is developed in tan linen, French blue, delicate green or pink would be appropriate for both the design and the name, which may be substituted for the word "Pet."

Among the few novelties which seem especially appropriate for presents, and



No. 507

which only take a short time to make and embroider, is the laundry bag, No. 546. This design may be stamped on ticking, heavy muslin, or linen, an extra piece being left at the top for folding over. This piece should be fastened with a small button and a cord loop.



No. 549

The flower design and the word "Laundry" being worked in white if the bag is made in colors, or in colors if the bag is in white. A pretty fancy is to substitute the owner's initials or monogram in place of the flowers. The prettiest materials for these bags are pink or blue

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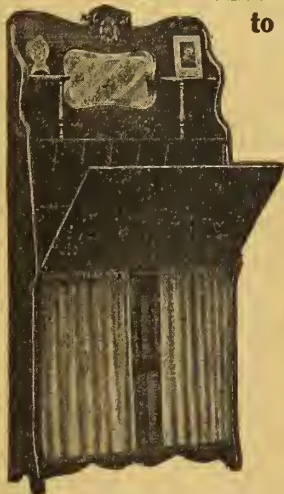
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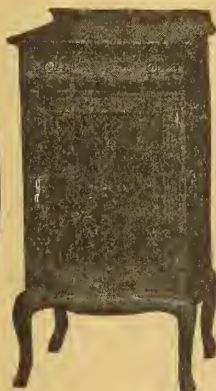
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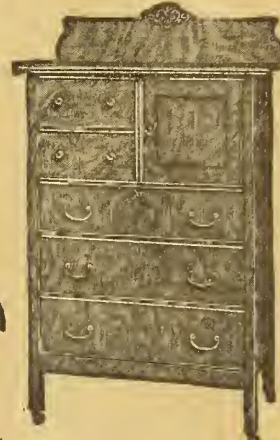
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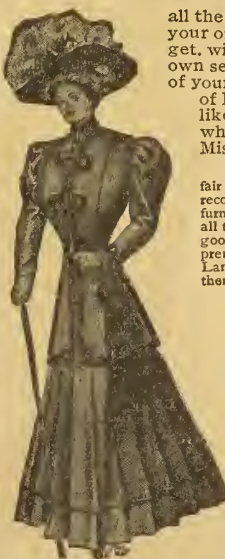
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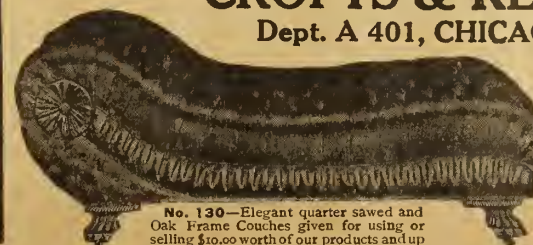
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# The March of the White Guard

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help him. The result of it all was that Jeff Hyde and Gaspe Toujours became constant allies. They both formulated their oaths by Jasper Hume. The Indian, Cloud-in-the-Sky, though by word never thanking his rescuer, could not be induced to leave the fort, except on some mission with which Jasper Hume was connected. He preferred living an undignified life, and earning his food and shelter by coarsely laboring with his hands. He came at least twice a week to Jasper Hume's log-house, and, sitting down silent and cross-legged before the fire, watching the sub-factor working at his drawings and calculations. Sitting so for perhaps an hour or more, and smoking all the time, he would rise and, with a grunt, which was answered by a kindly nod, would pass out silently as he came.

And now, as Jasper Hume stood looking at his "idea," Cloud-in-the-Sky entered, let his blanket fall by the hearthstone and sat down upon it. If Jasper Hume saw him or heard him he at least gave no sign at first. He said in a low tone to the dog, "It is finished, Jacques; it is ready for the world."

Then he put it back, locked the box, and turned toward Cloud-in-the-Sky and the fireplace. The Indian grunted; the other nodded with the debating look again dominant in his eyes. The Indian met the look with stoic calm. There was something in Jasper Hume's habitual reticence and decisiveness in action which appealed more to Cloud-in-the-Sky than any freedom of speech could possibly have done.

Jasper Hume sat down, handed the Indian a pipe and tobacco, and, with arms folded, watched the fire. For half an hour they sat so, white man, Indian, and dog. Then Jasper Hume rose, went to a cupboard, took out some sealing-wax, and matches, and in a moment melted wax was dropping upon the lock of the box containing his idea. He had just finished this as Sergeant Gosse knocked at the door, and immediately after entered the room.

"Gosse," said the sub-factor, "find Jeff Hyde, Gaspe Toujours, and Late Carscallen, and bring them here." Sergeant Gosse immediately departed upon this errand. Jasper Hume then turned to Cloud-in-the-Sky, and said: "Cloud-in-the-Sky, I want you to go on a long journey hereaway to the Barren Grounds. Have twelve dogs ready by nine o'clock to-morrow morning."

Cloud-in-the-Sky shook his head thoughtfully, and then after a pause said: "Strong-Back go too?" (Strong-Back was his name for Jasper Hume.) But the other did not or would not hear. The Indian, however, appeared satisfied, for he smoked harder afterward, and grunted to himself many times. A few moments passed, and then Sergeant Gosse entered, followed by Jeff Hyde, Gaspe Toujours, and Late Carscallen. Late Carscallen had got his name "Late" from having been called The Late Mr. Carscallen by the chief factor because of his slowness. Slow as he was, however, the stout Scotchman had more than once proved himself sound and true accord-

ing to Jasper Hume's ideas. He was, of course, the last to enter.

The men grouped themselves about the fire, Late Carscallen getting the coldest corner. Each man drew his tobacco from his pocket, and, cutting it, waited for Sub-Factor Hume to speak. His eyes were debating as they rested on the four. Then he took out Rose Lepage's letter, and, with the group looking at him now, he read it aloud. When it was finished Cloud-in-the-Sky gave a guttural assent, and Gaspe Toujours, looking at Jeff Hyde, said: "It is cold in the Barren Grounds. We shall need much tabace." These men could read without difficulty Jasper Hume's reason for summoning them. To Gaspe Toujours's remark Jeff Hyde nodded affirmatively, and then all looked at Late Carscallen. He opened his heavy jaws once or twice with an animal-like sound, and then he said, in a general kind of way: "To the Barren Grounds. But who leads?"

Jasper Hume was writing on a slip of paper, and he did not reply. The faces of three of them showed just a shade of anxiety. They had their opinions, but they were not sure. Cloud-in-the-Sky, however, grunted at them and raised the bowl of his pipe toward the sub-factor. The anxiety then seemed to be dispelled.

For ten minutes more they sat so, all silent. Then Jasper Hume rose, handed the slip of paper to Sergeant Gosse, and said: "Attend to that at once, Gosse. Examine the food and blankets closely."

The five were left alone.

Then Jasper Hume spoke. "Jeff Hyde, Gaspe Toujours, Late Carscallen, and Cloud-in-the-Sky, this man, alive or dead, is between here and the Barren Grounds. He must be found—for his wife's sake." He handed Jeff Hyde her letter. Jeff rubbed his fingers before he touched the delicate and perfumed missive. Its delicacy seemed to bewilder him. He said in a rough but kindly way, "Hope to die if I don't," and passed it on to Gaspe Toujours, who did not find it necessary to speak. His comrade had answered for him. Late Carscallen held it inquisitively for a moment, and then his jaws opened and shut as if he were about to speak. But before he did so the sub-factor said: "It is a long journey and a hard one. Those who go may never come back. But this man was working for his country, and held up the letter. "Late Carscallen wants to know who will lead you. Can't you trust me? I will give you a leader that you will follow to the Barren Grounds. To-morrow you will know who it is. Men, are you satisfied? Will you do it?"

The four rose, and Cloud-in-the-Sky nodded approvingly many times. The sub-factor held out his hand. Each man shook it, Jeff Hyde first, and he said: "Close up ranks for the H. B. C.!" (H. B. C. meaning, of course, Hudson Bay Company.)

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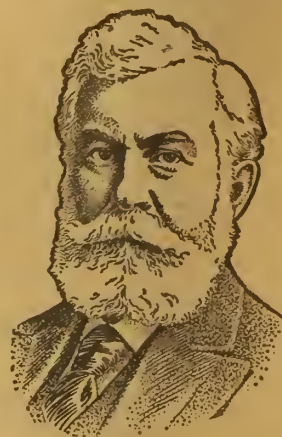
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# THE FUEDIST'S REVENGE

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Something gleaned in the moonlight, and, in spite of brave resistance, Jamie received such a drubbing that he was obliged to absent himself from classes for several days. The news of the encounter soon spread abroad, with horrified whispers of a knife thrust in his side, while Jamie, the vanquished, lay "a battered hulk in dry dock for repairs."

A few days later came a February thaw, and, swollen by the streams above, the little river that divided the town was fast filling the valley. Of a sudden an ice-gorge formed below, which could not at once be driven out. The waters spread abroad, still and terrible, and in a night were frozen fast.

By eight o'clock the next morning, half the town was out to see the sight—a lake where a river had been—and to hear the "boom, boom," when, with a report like a cannon, the ice burst with the force of the on-rushing waters. Cissy ran down to the river sightseeing, like the rest. To a point on the opposite side of the river, Jamie, led by his anxious thoughts, had wandered; and here, for reasons which he alone knew, Lem Elarth followed him. As Jamie turned to give him no very pleasant greeting, they both spied Cissy on the opposite bank. "She is going to cross!" cried Lem. "She must not! This river is as treacherous as death!" Both called to Cissy to stop, but she seemed to realize no danger, and therefore did not understand. With his heart in his mouth, Lem sped like the wind on his keen-edged skates across the icy expanse. Too fast he flew to look well to his going, and in a moment he sank through an airhole and disappeared in the icy water. Jamie, who wore no skates, seemed helpless in the face of such a catastrophe. "Run for help! Bring ropes and an ax. Run! Run for your lives shouted Jamie to the two or three small boys who had straggled that way. With the word, the little lads fled like frightened sheep up the slope. Very quickly Lem rose to the surface, grasping at the ice, which broke in his hands; but Jamie was there in time, and, lying flat down on the thin ice, managed to catch him as he was sinking again and to hold him securely.

A terrible strain it was, even on his strong young arms; a mental strain, too, as the ice cracked sharply beneath him, swaying with his weight. Thus far Jamie had but followed the instinct of a brave heart, to rescue one in danger. All he could do now was to hold fast till help came; but with inaction came temptation. A temptation which would result in a triumphant test of character or the consummation of years of heaped-up wrath and sworn vengeance. For to him came suddenly a vision, like a devastating fire, to heart and brain, of all that might be his by the opening of his hand. All the years of cumulative hatred toward the Elarth clan passed in review before him. His father's awful, dying face, his blood-sealed oath, a thousand taunts and insults lately borne, all demanded retribution on the instant. His hot young blood rushed in a sweeping, aggressive tide over him. It beat on his brain and sang in his ears, "Twould serve him

right—serve him right. He tried to kill you, as his father killed yours in years long past. Why should you risk your life to save him? Let him go. Let him go. You will lose Cissy if you don't; no one will be the wiser if you do. Haven't they all seen you rush to his rescue? Who can blame you if you let him slip away to death? Your vow! Your vow! Now is the time of fulfillment." But as his fingers were slowly relaxing their hold on the half-drowned creature in his clutch, like a flash of light, clearing heart and brain, came the words, wild, weird and faraway, as if he heard in a dream, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord." It was but a memory; the echo of honest words bravely spoken in the face of a crying need, but, oh, the power of them! Instantly Jamie's grasp grew firm. The fires of hate died in his breast. The victory was complete. Once more was it demonstrated that the powers of right are stronger than the powers of darkness. He yielded the whole matter, with his life as well, then and there into the hand of the Lord. Knowing His will, he would abide by it. No demon of temptation, though his life lay in the balance, could ever drag him down so low again. Though all was lost, he would still be victor.

Jamie was holding Elarth's head and shoulders almost by main force above the ice. Struggling to free his lungs from water, and half-frozen as he was, Lem found voice to say, "Let me go, Truman; let me go."

"Why, what's the matter with you?" jollied Jamie; "do you want to drown?"

"I'd rather drown than be saved by you."

"I don't know that I can save you," said Jamie, "but I mean to keep a good grip on you till help comes."

As he spoke, the wound, as yet not quite healed, reopened in Jamie's side, and his red blood stained the ice. He grew white to the lips, but bravely kept his hold on the struggling Elarth. Help was coming. Could he keep his grasp till it should reach them?

"In any event," went on the redoubtable Lem, with chattering teeth, "Cissy is mine. We settled it last night. And, hear you, Truman, if I get out of this—save or no save—I'll settle you, do you understand, if ever you come between us again." By this time Jamie's eyes were closed. He understood perfectly, but loss of blood had made him too weak to reply; yet, with the last remnant of his strength, he kept his hold on Elarth.

Help was coming, but Cissy, light of foot, was quicker than the men, and, despite all remonstrances, had crept over the crackling ice, close to Jamie's side. Just as the world seemed slipping quite away from him, Cissy's light touch fell on his cheek, her sweet voice roused him. "Jamie! oh, Jamie!" she cried. "Look up; look at me." Jamie's eyes slowly opened. "I heard him, Jamie; I heard him—and I tell you that it is not true; not a word of it." Now the rescuing party, which had been long in coming, made short work of getting Lem out of the water, sodden and ashamed. He was quickly taken to a

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"Oh, Jamie," cried Cissy, "you are greater and grander than any hero that ever lived! If only you are spared from—this" (shuddering as she indicated the wound in his side), "of course it will be—as you say. There couldn't be anybody else for me—any time."

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"No, Edwin."

"Well, how do they get the holes in the lace they put around the holes to make the lace, then?"

"Child, you will drive me to distraction."

"Where do they get the holes, maw?"

"Why, the holes are just air."

"Well, there's air-holes in pa's hat. Does that make it a lace hat?"

"No! No! No!"

"A Swiss cheese has holes in it. Does that make it Swiss lace?"

"Hold your fool tongue. Do you hear?"

"Did you say all lace had holes, maw?"

"Yes."

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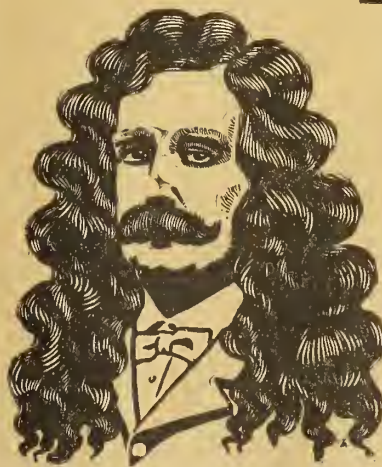
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### Christmas At The Antipodes

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ber" you that day, too, and you have a nice chromo or teapot or some little token of good will from those whom you serve or patronize regularly.

But the getters of boxes must be bright and early, for everybody and his wife are off for somewhere and for all day on boxing day. A man may very likely keep sober all the year, and if he does so on boxing day and Easter Monday, he is quite sure to be proof against the drink temptation all the rest of the year.

The bright sunny weather invites people to the woody glade or to the fern-tree glen, to the cool beach of the wide Pacific or Southern Ocean. Steamers go out with loads of people. Trains into the country and into the city are crowded; horse-grounds have their full share of patronage. People are good-natured, jolly, and are only bent on having the "time of their lives."

But Christmas does not end with boxing day; it lasts over New Year's day and forms a season when business is practically closed up and the worries of earth are laid to one side. And at the end of the season the labors of another year are taken up with a sigh. The average Australian may get too much work to suit him or too little to eat, but he never was known to get too much play. The religious observance of the day celebrating the birth of Christ is followed by a multitude of fun and capers in the days that follow. The Australian is a good fellow, however, and his sport seldom interferes with the perfect enjoyment of any other person. He not only likes to be happy; he likes to see his neighbors happy also.

Christmastide coming in the midst of the summer seems to have many advantages over the frozen reception given it in our northern latitudes. The camp by the seaside, the picnics in the forest, the excursion on the boat, visits to parks, and attendance at games and out-of-door sports, and even visits to friends and relatives, are more joyous and free in the genial summer than in the cold breath of winter.

### In Other Countries

By Roma M. Stetson

While nature furnishes sunshine and flowers and a bright-colored setting for the Christmas festivities in the tropical lands, all that heart and hand can brighten radiates with peace and joy and good will in the cold, snowy lands of the North, for the Christmas spirit finds many ways to gladden the hearts and the homes all round the world.

### IN SCANDINAVIA.

In Norway and Sweden, as in many other countries, Christmas is really a "season," for weeks of thought and preparation and work precede the actual festivities. The fathers are busy laying in fish and game, and, what will seem strange to us, is the custom of killing a sheep and making it into sausage. This sausage is the Norwegian's substitute for our delicious Christmas turkey.

While the fathers and sons are out hunting the mothers and big sisters are busy at home making everything spic and span, and the little boys are out gathering evergreens, which they scatter in festive profusion all over the house.



With the advent of Christmas eve all the pent-up excitement and happy anticipation are relieved, for the festivities actually begin. All the holiday attire is donned and father awaits the family in the parlor, with his Bible on his lap, for the reading before the evening meal is of as much importance as the Christmas tree or dinner. After the meal the family trudges through the snow to church, each with a little bundle under his arm, which is to be left with the minister for the poor, good people. They listen to a Christmas sermon, and then the children race home, believing that the one who reaches there first will be happiest all the coming year.

Ten o'clock strikes all too soon for the merry boys and girls, for this is the hour when they are sent to bed, but happy hearts soon lend them peaceful slumbers, and they are up bright and early Christmas morning playing tricks and pranks on the older members of the family.

#### GERMANY.

To the Germans we are indebted for our Christmas tree custom. Long, long ago, there was a belief that the earth was shaped like a tree, and that heaven was up in its topmost branches, so the Germans conceived the idea of symbolizing the joy and good cheer that come to the world with Christmas, by placing candles and bright and gay colored packages on an evergreen tree.

To the German children Santa Claus is "Ashy Claus," and they take great pains to make his coming easy. Drums are beaten on Christmas eve and everything the children can think of is done to drive the wolves away, so that Ashy Claus will not be hindered on his way.

It would be difficult to find a house in Germany that does not have lighted candles at the windows on Christmas eve, for the children believe that the Christ child and his mother are abroad at that time, passing by to bless them, so they keep the candles burning that they may not be lost in the snow.

#### ENGLAND.

In England Christmas is more commonly known as "Yuletide," the burning of the yule log furnishing one of the principal features of the Christmas eve festivities.

The children go into the forest to search for a log, and, as they drag it home through the snow, they sing and dance and have a general merry-making. On Christmas eve there is a family reunion, for the big brother is home from college and grandma is on hand, with her budget of Christmas stories.

Then they all gather around the fireplace, and the yule log is lighted, with a piece of last year's log, which has been kept in the cellar for good luck.

The Christmas dinner in England is more elaborate than that in many other countries, and the board fairly groans under the good things. There is the real peacock pie, and the boar's head bearing a bright green wreath, and the wonderful plum pudding and mince pies, which the little brother and the big brother have looked forward to with equal pleasure and anticipation.

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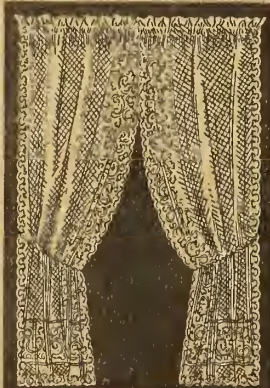
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## The Eclipse of the Thorntons

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younger every day, while Miss Prince beamed approval. It seemed as if the coming of spring had never been so lovely as in that narrow little yard. Every little thing counted, and the days slipped by happily and brought June and the closing of the school year, the examinations and the Burns scholarship to Bob, to crown it all. Reginald Adelbert had won his "double first."

As Madge came blithely homeward on the last day of school, planning many pleasant things, she was met at the street corner by Charley, evidently brimming over with news.

"The Prince has come!" he called

out gleefully, as soon as she came near enough to hear.

Madge stopped and eyed him warily. She knew Charley of old. "I don't know what you mean," she said presently, with some resentment, and Charley promptly executed a war dance.

"Why, the Prince!" he cried again, "P-r-i-n-c-e, Prince! You told me yourself he was coming, in that old book of yours."

"The Fairy Prince?" cried Madge excitedly. "Oh, Charley, who is he? How do you know?"

Charley was enjoying himself immensely. "He ain't a fairy," he said chuckling. "He's a professor. Professor Prince. He's Miss Prince's

brother. Aha, Miss, caught you that time, didn't I?"

Madge threw up her head with fine scorn. "You think you're very smart, I suppose," she said, disdainfully, "but you're not. You're only horrid!" and she walked on with much dignity, while Charley followed, mocking her stately air. But presently curiosity triumphed over Madge's wrath.

"What's he here for?" demanded she, turning about and fixing Charley with a stern eye, while he looked as innocent as a lamb.

"Studying up something at the Sloane Library for a book he's writing—Bob's going to help him." Charley tossed his cap into the air and caught it cleverly. "And Miss Prince has put off going to the mountains till he gets through,

'cause she wants to see him all she can. She asked Nan couldn't he have his meals at our house, so she'd have a good chance; and Nan said, yes, he could."

Madge stopped short again. "Well I do think that's too bad!" she said, hotly. Just as we were going to have such a good time all by ourselves! Why can't he stay at a hotel?"

"Well, he could; he is going to sleep there. But Nan wanted to oblige Miss Prince—she's been a pretty good sort all winter. And, besides," he added shrewdly, "the lady-professors will all be off now with their stockings and things, and p'raps Nan thought 'twould help out."

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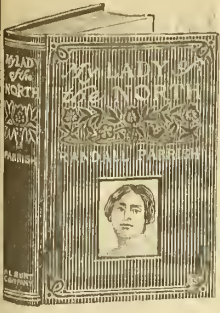


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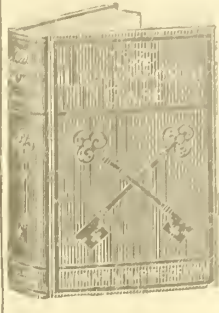
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You know, I believe there is nothing that indicates more in any man or an lady an air of being somebody, of being up to date, of enjoying prosperity—than to carry a really first-class, fine-looking watch.

You can afford to save on many ordinary luxuries in order to possess such a time-piece. That is why the editor of this paper is particularly glad to call your attention to the great watch offer on this page—an offer that I personally recommend.

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**How the Challenge Started!** The Waltham Watch Company published a challenge to all foreign factories to put 50 foreign watches against 50 Waltham watches in a competitive test of time keeping, the whole 100 watches to become the property of the winner. For copy of this challenge get our free booklet.

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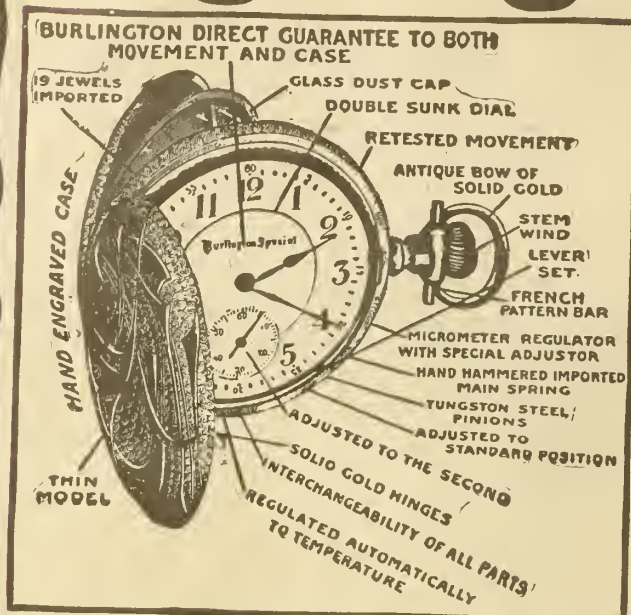
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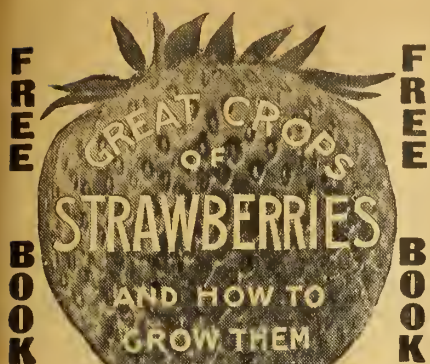
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As He is Today, Happy With His Family

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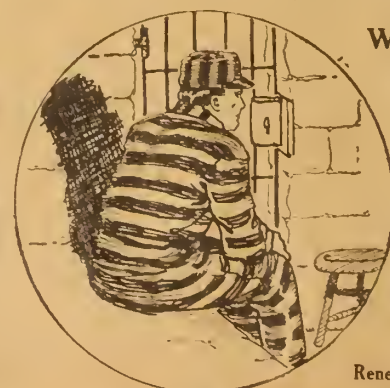
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## THE FIRST CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

BY BRUCE BARTON



MADE thoughtless by the fatuous belief that the resources of our land were inexhaustible, we Americans have thrown away our substance at a sinful rate. Take our coal, for instance. The present methods of mining coal are almost inconceivably wasteful. The practice is to take out hardly half the coal, leaving the less easily mined and lower grade material to be made permanently inaccessible by the caving in of the mines. Nor is this all. Of the 150,000,000 tons annually burned on our railroads, it is asserted that scarcely five per cent is actually converted into energy and used in traction, and even the highest grade electric light plants are unable to turn into light more than one per cent of the coal consumed. The total deposits of coal in the United States, exclusive of Alaska, aggregate 200,000,000,000 tons. This amount would form a cube seven and a half miles on a side, or a layer over the whole area of the United States six feet thick. Such a supply seems in truth inexhaustible, yet if the consumption increases at the rate of the past few decades, the supply will be entirely used up within a hundred years.

The case of the forests is even more startling. The lowest estimate places the remaining timber in the country at 1,400,000,000,000 feet, board measure, and the highest at 2,000,000,000,000. The present annual consumption is 100,000,000,000 feet, while the annual growth is but one-third of the standing timber and the larger estimate of the annual growth, and applying the present annual rate of consumption, the result shows the probably exhaustion of our timber supply in thirty-three years.

But more important than the relation of the destruction of the forest to our industries is its relation to the waste of our soil itself. The loss of the trees results, as everyone knows, in what is called soil erosion. The spring floods, instead of oozing off the hill-sides gradually, tear down unrestrained, carrying quantities of earth and tearing great furrows in the hillsides. Years ago, when the destruction of our forests had scarcely begun, it was estimated by skilled engineers that the Mississippi in each twelve months carried down 400,000,000 tons of sediment, which is, roughly speaking, about twice the amount of material to be excavated from the Panama canal. It has been tersely declared by Gifford Pinchot that "this material is the most fertile portion of our richest fields, transformed from a blessing to a curse by unrestricted erosion."

When we know thus how great the problem is, we are not surprised that it should be the first of our national ques-

tions deemed important enough to call for a conference between the President and the governors of our states. Not even in the dark days of the rebellion was there any question so serious as to call for such a conference. The gathering which was held last May in the historic East room of the White House, was not merely, then, a great national conference, it was the greatest conference which our country has ever seen.

The preparations made for the gathering were so extensive as to show a just appreciation of its importance. Along the east wall of the historic room was placed a combined framework fifty-two feet in length and nineteen feet high, artistically covered with green velvet trimmed with gold rope. The framework was arranged to provide a striking setting for our mineral resources, and the second the other natural resources of the country. They are said to be the largest maps ever constructed, and were frequently referred to by the governors and other prominent men in the discussions.

The conference was opened by the President himself in a speech which gave the keynote to the addresses and discussion which followed.

Those who expected the conference to recommend immediate legislation will be disappointed. On the other hand, the great crowd of business men who have had experience with conferences, and accordingly expected nothing, will be pleased. The governors agreed in the first place to meet again later.

In the second place, they adopted a set of resolutions which, while general in their character, nevertheless show clearly that the nation's executives are fully aroused to the seriousness of the situation. They say among other things:

"We declare our firm conviction that the conserva-

tion of our natural resources is a subject of transcendent importance, which should engage unremittingly the attention of the nation, the states, and the people in earnest co-operation. \* \* \* We agree that the land should be so used that erosion and soil wash should cease; that there should be reclamation of arid and semi-arid regions by means of irrigation, and of swamp and overflow regions by means of drainage; that the waters should be so conserved and used as to promote navigation, to enable the arid regions to be reclaimed by irrigation, and to develop power in the interests of the people; that the forests, which regulate our rivers, support our industries, and promote the fertility and productivity of the soil, should be preserved and perpetuated; that the minerals found so abundantly beneath the surface should be so used as to prolong their utility; that the beauty, healthfulness, and habitability of our country should be preserved and increased; that the sources of national wealth exist for the benefit of all the people, and that the monopoly thereof should not be tolerated."

The conference was, indeed, a dignified discussion of a great problem by truly great men, and succeeded in establishing that spirit of co-operation between the states and the national government which will insure the elimination of what Mr. Bryan called "that twilight zone between the nation and the state in which exploiting interests can take refuge from both."

But greater than the direct results are the indirect results following its sessions. No more effective means could have been devised for creating a nation-wide interest in the conservation of our resources, which will insure local co-operation everywhere.



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PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNORS AND GUESTS

This photograph was taken at the front door of the White House. Seated, from left to right, are Governor Dawson, of West Virginia; Governor Harris, of Ohio; Governor Hughes, of New York; Governor Davidson, of Wisconsin; Andrew Carnegie, William J. Bryan, James J. Hill, John Mitchell, President Roosevelt, Vice-President Fairbanks, Justice Harlan, Justice Brewer, Justice White, Justice McKenna, Justice Holmes, Justice Day, Justice Moody, and Secretary Cortelyou. The most prominent figure in the background, second from the doorway on the right, is Governor Johnson, of Minnesota.



# MARCH OF THE WHITE GUARD

By SIR GILBERT PARKER

[SYNOPSIS.—A letter comes to a Hudson Bay Company post at Fort Providence, urging that search be made for a civil engineer, La Page by name, who had not been heard from for over nine months. The letter was signed by the man's wife. Jasper Hume, the sub-factor at the post, consented to conduct an expedition into the frozen North to rescue La Page, though the latter, in earlier life, had betrayed his friendship, defrauded him of a most valuable invention, and by means most unfair, supplanted him in the affections of the woman he fondly loved—her who wrote the appealing letter that search be made for her husband. Hume makes up his party for the perilous journey.]

## PART II.

WITH a good man to lead them they would have stormed, alone, the Heights of Balaklava.

Once more Jasper Hume spoke: "Go to Gosse and get your outfits at nine tomorrow morning. Cloud-in-the-Sky, have your sleds at the store at eight o'clock, to be loaded. Then all meet at 10:15 at the office of the chief factor. Good night."

As they passed out into the semi-Arctic night, Late Carscallen with an unreal obstinacy said, "Slow march to the Barren Grounds; but who leads?"

Left alone, the sub-factor sat down to the pine table at one end of the room, and after a short hesitation began to write. For hours he sat there, rising only to put wood on the fire. The result was three letters, the largest addressed to a famous society in London, one to a solicitor in Montreal, and one to Mr. Field, the chief factor. They were all sealed carefully. Then Jasper Hume rose, took out his knife and went over to the box as if to break the red seal. He paused, however, sighed, and put the knife back again. As he did so he felt something touch his leg. It was the dog. Jasper Hume drew in a sharp breath and said: "It is all ready, Jacques, and in another three months I should have been in London with it. But it will go whether I go or not—whether I go or not, Jacques." The dog sprang up and put his head against his master's breast.

"Good dog! good dog! It's all right, Jacques; however it goes, it's all right!"

Then the dog lay down and watched the man until he drew the blankets to his chin, and sleep drew oblivion over a fighting but masterly soul.

At 10 o'clock next morning Jasper Hume presented himself at the chief factor's office. He bore with him the letters he had written the night before.

The factor said, "Well, Hume, I am glad to see you. That woman's letter was on my mind all night. Have you anything to propose? I suppose not," he added despairingly, as he looked closely into the face of the other.

"Yes, Mr. Field, I propose this: that the expedition shall start at noon today."

"Shall—start—at—noon—today?"

"In two hours."

"But, who are the party?"

"Jeff Hyde, Gaspé Toujours, Late Carscallen, and Cloud-in-the-Sky."

"And who leads them, Hume? Who leads?"

"With your permission, sir, I do."

"You, Hume! You! But, man, consider the danger! And then there is—there is, your invention!"

"I have considered all. Here are three letters. If we do not come back in three months, you will please send this one, with the box in my room, to the address on the envelope; this is for a solicitor in Montreal, which you will also forward as soon as possible; this last one is for yourself; but you will not open it until three months have passed. Have I your permission to lead these men? They would not go without me."

"I know that, I know that, Hume. I hate to have you go, but I can't say no. Go, and good luck go with you."

Here the manly old factor turned away his head.



CLOUD IN THE SKY

He knew that Jasper Hume had done right. He knew the possible sacrifice this man was making of all his hopes, of his very life; and his sound Scotch heart appreciated the act to the full. But he did not know all. He did not know that Jasper Hume was starting to look for the man who had robbed him of youth and hope and genius and home.

"Here is a letter that the wife has written to her husband in the hope that he is alive. You will take it with you, Hume. And the other she wrote to me, shall I keep it?" He held out his hand.

"No, sir; I will keep it, if you will allow me. It is my commission, you know," and the shadow of a smile hovered about Jasper Hume's lips.

The factor smiled kindly as he replied, "Ah, yes, your commission—Captain Jasper Hume of—of what, Hume?"

Just then the door opened and there entered the four men whom we saw around the sub-factor's fire the night before. They were dressed in white blanket costumes from head to foot, white woollen capotes covering the gray fur caps they wore.

Jasper Hume ran his eyes over them and then answered the factor's question: "Of the White Guard, sir."

"Good," was the reply. "Men, you are going on a relief expedition—one in which there is danger. You need a good leader. You have one in Captain Jasper Hume."

Jeff Hyde shook his head at the others with a pleased I-told-you-so expression; Cloud-in-the-Sky grunted his deep approval; and Late Carscallen smacked his lips in a satisfied manner and rubbed his leg with a school boy sense of enjoyment. The factor continued: "In the name of the Hudson Bay Company I will say that if you come back, having done your duty faithfully, you shall be well rewarded. And I believe you will come back, if it is in human power to do so."

Here Jeff Hyde said: "It isn't for reward we're doin' it, Mr. Field, but because Captain Hume wished it, because we believed he'd lead us; and for the lost fellow's wife. We wouldn't have said we'd do it, if it wasn't for him that's just called us the White Guard."

Under the bronze of the sub-factor's face there spread a glow more red than brown, and he said

simply, "Thank you, men"—for they had all nodded assent to Jeff Hyde's words: "Come with me to the store. We will start at noon."

And at noon the White Guard stood in front of the store on which the British flag was hoisted with another beneath it bearing the magic letters, H. B. C.; magic, because they have opened to the world regions that seemed destined never to know the touch of civilization. The few inhabitants of the fort had gathered; the dogs and loaded sleds were at the door. The White Guard were there, too—all but their leader. It wanted but two minutes to twelve when Jasper Hume came from his house, dressed in the white blanket costume, and followed by his dog, Jacques. In a moment more he had placed Jacques at the head of the first team of dogs. They were to have their leader, too; and they testified to the fact by a bark of approval. Punctually at noon, Jasper Hume shook hands with the factor, said a quick good-bye to the rest, called out a friendly "How!" to the Indians standing near, and to the sound of a hearty cheer, heartier, perhaps, because none had a confident hope that the five would come back, the march of the White Guard began.

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It is eighteen days after. In the shadow of a little island of pines, that lies in a shivering waste of ice and snow, the White Guard camp. They are able to do this night what they have not done for days—dig a great grave of snow, and building a fire of pine wood at each end of this strange house, get protection and something like comfort. They sit close to the fires. Jasper Hume is writing with numbed fingers. The extract that follows is taken from his diary. It tells that day's life and so gives an idea of harder, sterner days that they have spent and will spend, on this weary journey.

"December 25th—This is Christmas day and camp twenty-seven. We have marched only five miles to-day. We are eighty miles from Great Fish river, and the worst yet to do. We have discovered no signs. Jeff Hyde has had a bad two days with his frozen foot. Gaspé Toujours helps him nobly. One of the dogs died this morning. Jacques is a great leader. This night's shelter is a godsend. Cloud-in-the-Sky has a plan whereby some of us will sleep well. We are in latitude 63 deg. 47 min. and longitude 112 deg. 32 min 14 sec. Have worked out lunar observations. Have marked a tree J. H. and raised cairn No. 3. We are able to celebrate Christmas day with a good basin of tea, and our standby of beans cooked in fat. I was right about them; they have great sustaining power. Tomorrow we will start at 10 o'clock."

The writing done, Jasper Hume puts his book away and turns toward the rest. Cloud-in-the-Sky and Late Carscallen are smoking. Little can be seen of their faces; they are muffled to the eyes. Gaspé Toujours is drinking a basin of tea, Jeff Hyde is fitfully dozing by the fire. The dogs are above in the tent, all but Jacques, who tonight is permitted to be near his master. The sub-factor rises, takes from a knapsack a small tin pail, and puts it near the fire. This operation is watched by the others. Then he takes five little cups that fit snugly into each other, separates them, and puts them also near the fire. None of the party speak. A change seems to pass over the faces of all except Cloud-in-the-Sky. He smokes on unmoved. At length the sub-factor speaks cheerily: "Now, men, before we turn in we'll do something in honor of the day. Liquor we none of us have touched since we started; but back there in the fort, and maybe in other places, too, they will be thinking of us; so we'll drink a health to them though it's but a spoonful, and to the day when we see them again!"

(To be continued.)



# THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By C. TOWNSEND WELLS

THE eyes of the nation were turned toward Washington the second week of December on account of the meeting in that city of the National Conservation Commission. This notable meeting was known as the Joint Conservation Conference. The purpose was to discuss the great plan for the conservation of the country's natural resources, which was started by the President, governors, and other distinguished citizens at their memorable conference at the White House last May.

The recent joint conference included, besides the governors and their advisers, representative citizens from all parts of the country, heads of great national industrial and commercial organizations, and some of the nation's most talented and distinguished men. Among them were Andrew Carnegie, the iron king; James J. Hill, the great railroad builder; John Mitchell, the labor leader; John Hays Hammond, the celebrated mining engineer, whose salary is said to reach into the hundreds of thousands of dollars a year; United States senators and representatives in Congress, and a score or more of men whose names are inseparably associated with the country's progress.

The body that includes more of these distinguished citizens than perhaps any other organization in the United States, is the National Conservation Commission, which arranged the recent conference. The commission, whose creation was recommended by the governors at the White House conference, was named by President Roosevelt last June. It went to work at once and in the six months that have intervened it has accomplished one of the most stupendous tasks ever entrusted to any organization of men. In that time, with the help of the government departments and the states, it has made the first inventory of natural resources ever attempted in this or any other country. Results of its work were laid before the conference.

The accomplishment of this gigantic task was made possible through the efficient organization of the commission. The President in naming it di-

vided now by the question of what is going to be done about it. Statisticians and experts have deduced the meaning and significance of the startling figures and filled page upon page with the typewritten results. The essence of all this is being extracted for the report to the President for submission to Congress. The commission did well to put the finishing touches upon this report after the joint conference with the governors and its other co-operators and consider that it had done a big job.

But enough figures were quoted at the White House conference, last May, to prove that the situation with regard to our national resources is one that is full of danger and that suitable remedies are imperative. The fuller and more complete figures which the commission has collected and tabulated since that time, can verify or modify the statement of the case that was made then. In the meantime the governors have been appointing state conservation commissions and practically all national organizations which are in any way concerned with our natural resources have created special conservation committees. And these commissions and committees have been at work. All of which were represented at the joint conference last month with a purpose to accomplish something. The problem

was to decide on a program of action that will result in the greatest amount of actual achievement. Necessarily, the whole range of conservation is too wide and big to be taken up at one time and pushed to a successful conclusion. The task of the joint conference was to select the parts of the problem, the solution of which seems most urgent.

The conservation of our natural resources has become a practical problem, the solution of which is a matter of vital interest to the whole country. It has passed beyond a question of interest simply to scholars and experts and has become one of general interest to all the people. The conservation movement presents many varied phases. It is to the more practical phases that the conservation commission intends to devote itself.



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## FORESTRY

1—Reed Smoot, Utah, Chairman; 2—J. B. White, Mo.; 3—Henry S. Graves, Yale Forest School; 4—Wm. Irvine, Wis.; 5—Albert J. Beveridge, Ind.; 6—Newton C. Blanchard, La.; 7—Chas. F. Scott, Kans.; 8—Chas. L. Pack, N. J.; 9—Champ Clark, Mo.; 10—Gustav H. Schwab, N. Y.; 11—Overton W. Price, Forest Service; 12—Irving Fisher, Conn.

## LANDS

26—Knut Nelson, Minn.; 27—N. B. Broward, Fla.; 28—Jas. J. Hill, Minn.; 29—Geo. C. Pardee, Calif.; 30—Francis E. Warren, Wyo.; 31—Chas. Macdonald, N. Y.; 32—Swager Shirley, Ky.; 33—Murdo Mackenzie, Col.; 34—Herbert Parsons, N. Y.; 35—Frank C. Goudy, Col.; 36—Geo. W. Woodruff, Int. Dept.; 37—T. C. Chamberlain, Univ. of Chicago.

## 25—GIFFORD PINCHOT, CHAIRMAN

## MINERALS

13—John Dalzell, Pa., Chairman; 14—Philo Hall, S. C.; 15—Jas. L. Slayden, Tex.; 16—Andrew Carnegie, New York; 17—Jos. M. Dixon, Mont.; 18—Chas. R. Van Hise, Wis.; 19—Frank P. Flint, Calif.; 20—John Mitchell, Ill.; 21—Lee S. Overman, N. C.; 22—L. C. White, W. Va.; 23—J. A. Holmes, Geological Survey; 24—John Hays Hammond, Mass.

## WATERWAYS

38—Theo. E. Burton, Ohio, Chairman; 39—Wm. Warner, Mo.; 40—Jno. H. Bankhead, Ala.; 41—W. J. McGee, Bureau of Soils; 42—Francis G. Newlands, Nev.; 43—F. H. Newell, Reclamation Service; 44—Jonathan P. Dolliver, Iowa; 45—Herbert Knox Smith, Bureau of Corporations; 46—Thos. R. Shipp, Secy. of Commission; 47—G. F. Swain, Mass. Inst. of Technology; 48—W. L. Marshall, Brig. Gen. U. S. Army Chief of Engineers; 49—Jos. E. Ransdell, Louisiana.

vided it into four general sections—waters, forests, lands, and minerals. Each section is headed by either a United States senator or a representative in Congress. To Gifford Pinchot, chief of the United States Forest Service, was given the responsibility of the chairmanship. Only with the counsel and advice of the senators, representatives, and experts on the commission, was he able to get the monstrous task by this time so well in hand. Now the next step is to consider and act upon the practical recommendations looking toward the development and wise use of the resources which the inventory shows the nation to possess.

The inventory itself which attracted attention at first largely because of the spectacular immensity and novelty of the project, is completely overshadowed



# CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

An Eloquent and Powerful Plea for the Preservation of Our Great National Heritage

By PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT

DISREGARDING for the moment the question of moral purpose, it is safe to say that the prosperity of our people depends directly on the energy and intelligence with which our natural resources are used. It is equally clear that these resources are the final basis of national power and perpetuity. Finally, it is ominously evident that these resources are in the course of rapid exhaustion.

This nation began with the belief that its landed possessions were illimitable and capable of supporting all the people who might care to make our country their home; but already the limit of unsettled land is in sight, and indeed but little land fitted for agriculture now remains unoccupied save what can be reclaimed by irrigation and drainage. We began with an unapproached heritage of forests; more than half of the timber is gone. We began with coal fields more extensive than those of any other nation and with iron ores regarded as inexhaustible, and many experts now declare that the end of both iron and coal is in sight.

The mere increase in our consumption of coal during 1907 over 1906 exceeded the total consumption in 1876, the Centennial year. The enormous stores of mineral oil and gas are largely gone. Our natural waterways are not gone, but they have been so injured by neglect, and by the division of responsibility and utter lack of system in dealing with them, that there is less navigation on them now than there was fifty years ago. Finally, we began with soils of unexampled fertility, and we have so impoverished them by injudicious use and by failing to check erosion that their crop producing power is diminishing instead of increasing. In a word, we have thoughtlessly, and to a large degree unnecessarily, diminished the resources upon which not only our prosperity but the prosperity of our children must always depend.

We have become great because of the lavish use of our resources and we have just reason to be proud of our growth. But the time has come to inquire seriously what will happen when our forests are gone, when the coal, the iron, the oil, and the gas are exhausted, when the soils shall have been still further impoverished and washed into the streams, polluting the rivers, denuding the fields, and obstructing navigation. These questions do not relate only to the next century or to the next generation. It is time for us now as a nation to exercise the same reasonable foresight in dealing with our great natural resources that would be shown by any prudent man in conserving and wisely using the property which contains the assurance of well-being for himself and his children.

The natural resources I have enumerated can be divided into two sharply distinguished classes accordingly as they are or are not capable of renewal. Mines if used must necessarily be exhausted. The minerals do not and can not renew themselves. Therefore in dealing with the coal, the oil, the gas, the iron, the metals generally, all that we can do is to try to see that they are wisely used. The exhaustion is certain to come in time.

The second class of resources consists of those which can not only be used in such manner as to leave them undiminished for our children, but can actually be improved by wise use. The soil, the forests, the waterways come in this category. In dealing with mineral resources, man is able to improve on nature only by putting the resources to a beneficial use which in the end exhausts them; but in dealing with the soil and its products man can improve on nature by compelling the resources to renew and even reconstruct themselves in such manner as to serve increasingly beneficial uses—while the living waters can be so controlled as to multiply their benefits.

Neither the primitive man nor the pioneer was

aware of any duty to posterity in dealing with the renewable resources. When the American settler felled the forests, he felt that there was plenty of forest for the sons who came after him. When he exhausted the soil of his farm he felt that his son could go West and take up another. So it was with his immediate successors. When the soil-wash from the farmer's fields choked the neighboring river he thought only of using the railway rather than boats for moving his produce and supplies.

Now all this is changed. On the average the son of the farmer of today must make his living on his father's farm. There is no difficulty in doing this if the father will exercise wisdom. No wise use of a farm exhausts its fertility. So with the forests. We are over the verge of a timber famine in this country, and it is unpardonable for the nation or the states to permit any further cutting of our timber save in accordance with a system which will provide that the next generation shall see the timber increased instead of diminished. Moreover, we can add enormous tracts of the most valuable possible agricultural land to the national domain by irrigation in the arid and semi-arid regions and by drainage of great tracts of swamp land in the humid regions. We can enormously increase our transportation facilities by the canalization of our rivers so as to complete a great system of waterways on the Pacific, Atlantic, and Gulf coasts and in the Mississippi Valley, from the Great Plains to the Alleghenies, and from the northern lakes to the mouth of the mighty Father of Waters. But all these various uses of our natural resources are so closely connected that they should be co-ordinated, and should be treated as part of one coherent plan and not in haphazard and piecemeal fashion.

It is largely because of this that I appointed the waterways commission last year and that I have

sought to perpetuate its work. I wish to take this opportunity to express in heartiest fashion my acknowledgment to all the members of the commission. At great personal sacrifice of time and effort they have rendered a service to the public for which we can not be too grateful. Especial credit is due to the initiative, the energy, the devotion to duty and the farsightedness of Gifford Pinchot, to whom we owe so much of the progress we have already made in handling this matter of the co-ordination and conservation of natural resources. If it had not been for him this convention neither would nor could have been called.

We are coming to recognize as never before the right of the nation to guard the actual destruction of such resources or by making them impossible of development hereafter.

Any right thinking father earnestly desires and strives to leave his son both an untarnished name and a reasonable equipment for the struggle of life. So this nation as a whole should earnestly desire and strive to leave to the next generation the national honor unstained and the national resources unexhausted. There are signs that both the nation and the states are waking to a realization of this great truth. On March 10, 1908, the supreme court of Maine rendered an exceedingly important judicial decision. This opinion was rendered in response to questions as to the right of the legislature to restrict the cutting of trees on private land for the prevention of droughts and floods, the preservation of the natural water supply, and the prevention of the erosion of such lands, and the consequent filling up of rivers, ponds, and lakes. The forests and water power of Maine constitute the larger part of her wealth and form the basis of her industrial life, and the question submitted by the Maine senate to the supreme court and the answer of the supreme court alike bear testimony to the wisdom of the people of Maine, and clearly define a policy of conservation of natural resources, the adoption of which is of vital importance not merely to Maine but to the whole country.

Such a policy will preserve soil, forests, water power as a heritage for the children and the children's children of the men and women of this generation; for any enactment that provides for the wise utilization of the forests, whether in public or private ownership, and for the conservation of the water resources of the country must necessarily be legislation that will promote both private and public welfare; for flood prevention, water power development, preservation of the soil, and improvement of navigable rivers are all promoted by such a policy of forest conservation.

The opinion of the Maine supreme bench sets forth unequivocally the principle that the property rights of the individual are subordinate to the rights of the community, and especially that the waste of wild timber land derived originally from the state, involving as it would the impoverishment of the state and its people and thereby defeating one great purpose of government, may properly be prevented by state restrictions.

Finally, let us remember that the conservation of our natural resources though the gravest problem of today, is yet but part of another and greater problem to which this nation is not yet awake, but to which it will awake in time, and with which it must hereafter grapple if it is to live—the problem of national efficiency, the patriotic duty of insuring the safety and continuance of the nation. When the people of the United States consciously undertake to raise themselves as citizens, and the nation and the states in their several spheres, to the highest pitch of excellence in private, state, and national life, and to do this because it is the first of all the duties of true patriotism, then and not till then the future of this nation, in quality and in time, will be assured.



## She Always Made Home Happy

By Alonzo Rice

"She always made home happy," were the words I one day read  
On a little snow-white tombstone, in the city of the dead.  
I had not ever heard of her that slept beneath the mound,  
But I knew that none more worthy on the earth was ever found.

"She always made home happy," oh! the magic of that line,  
It weds itself to memory as something half divine!  
The advent of her coming to the ones in sore distress,  
Was as cheering as the mounting lark that soars to sing and bless.

The doorway that she entered in, did sorrow there abide?  
The head she pillowed on her breast, had something been denied?  
The sunshine lay upon her path like bars of beaten gold;  
"She always made home happy," and the tale was quickly told.

By withers of the brier rose trained by loving hands she's bound  
Within the quiet precincts of that little grassy mound;  
But never mausoleum decked with sculptures fine and fair,  
Reveals the sweet affection of the roses blooming there!





# THE TRAGEDY OF FOREST FIRES

By C. B. JAMES

**S**URELY forest fires are tragedies. Danger, destruction, devastation, disaster, and desolation follow ever in their wake. The terrible work of the flames during 1908, which have burned over and destroyed millions of acres of timber and property to the value of millions in the Lake States, and elsewhere also, recalls to memory other great forest fires which have attained historic importance.

## The Miramichi Fire, 1825

One of the earliest of these was the great Miramichi fire of 1825. It began its destructive work about one o'clock in the afternoon of October 7 of that year, at a place about sixty miles above the town of Newcastle, on the Miramichi River, in New Brunswick. Before ten o'clock at night, it was twenty miles below Newcastle. In nine hours it had destroyed a belt of forest eighty miles long and twenty-five miles wide. Over more than two and one-half million acres almost every living thing was killed. Even the fish were afterwards found dead in heaps on the river banks. Five hundred and ninety buildings were burned, and a number of towns, including Newcastle, Chatham, and Douglastown, were destroyed. One hundred and sixty persons perished, and nearly a thousand head of stock. The loss from the Miramichi fire is estimated at \$300,000, not including the value of the timber.

## The Peshtigo Fire, 1871

The Peshtigo fire of October, 1871, was still more severe than the Miramichi. It covered an area of more than 2,000 square miles in Wisconsin, involving many millions of dollars. Between 1,200 and 1,500 persons perished, including nearly half the population of Peshtigo, at that time a town of 2,000 inhabitants. Other fires at about the same time were most destructive in Michigan. A strip about forty miles wide and 180 miles long, extending clear across the central part of the State, from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron, was devastated. The estimated loss in timber was about 4,000,000,000 feet, board measure, and in money, over \$10,000,000. Several hundred persons perished.

## Great Fires in Michigan, 1881

In the early part of September, 1881, great fires covered more than 1,800 square miles in various



A Forest Fire in Colorado

parts of Michigan. The estimated loss, in property, in addition to many hundred thousand acres of valuable timber, was more than \$2,300,00. Over 5,000 persons were made destitute, and the number of lives lost is variously estimated at from 150 to 500.

## Hinckley Fire, 1894

The most destructive fire of more recent years was that which started near Hinckley, Minnesota, September 1, 1894. While the area burned over was less than in some other great fires, the loss of life and property was very heavy. Hinckley and six other towns were destroyed; about 500 lives were lost; more than 2,000 persons were left destitute, and the estimated loss in property of various kinds was \$25,000,000. Except for the heroic conduct of locomotive engineers and other railroad men, the loss of life would have been much greater.

## Forest Fires General During 1908

The forest fire disasters in Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin are the worst that have visited the Lake States for many years. Other sections have also suffered in like manner during the spring and summer months, and the people of the Pacific Coast, the Rocky Mountain, and the New England States and Canada have had a thorough and, in some cases, a continuous experience in fire fighting. Reports received by the Forest Service at Washington, from Hon. Hugh Maxwell, chairman of the West Virginia

Conservation Commission, show that every one of the fifty-five counties had one or more fires, some being small and spreading through a few woodlots only, others covering more than 50,000 acres. The area burned aggregated 1,700,000 acres, approximately one-fifth of the wooded area of the State. Timber burned amounted to more than 943,500,000 feet, board measure, about three per cent of the entire estimated standing timber, large and small, in the State, or two-thirds of the output of all the sawmills of West Virginia in 1907. The money losses were heavy, \$2,903,500 in timber destroyed and \$490,175 in other property. Adding to this, losses from injury to undergrowth and soil, \$1,703,850, we have a grand total of \$5,097,825 in the one small State of West Virginia, and yet, wonderful to relate, that commonwealth spent, last year, in suppressing forest fires, just \$646.

## The Great Chisholm Fire, 1908

By far the most disastrous fire of the year which has just passed into history was that which destroyed the little city of Chisholm, on the Mesaba iron range in Minnesota, involving a loss of fully \$1,500,000 worth of property and leaving 5,000 people destitute and homeless. It was five o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, September 5, that the fire entered the city in the clutch of a gale from the northwest and laid the place in ruins in less time than it takes to tell it. Up to within a half hour before the flames caught the town, the people were confident that there was no danger, and, with few exceptions, went about their business as usual. A most remarkable incident of this great conflagration was that the two churches, the beautiful \$125,000 high school, the grammar school, and two blocks of dwellings on opposite sides of town were not burned. This was thought to be due to a peculiar shifting of the wind. A most fortunate thing about the fire was, that it found Chisholm awake, and consequently there was no loss of life. Had the conflagration been at night-time, the human slaughter would have been horrible beyond description. Indeed, and of a truth, forest fires are tragedies. Another truth that should sink deep into the American consciousness is this: They are *avoidable* tragedies.

# THE SECOND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

By J. B. COURSEN

**W**ITH President-elect Taft presiding and President Roosevelt as the chief speaker, the second Conservation Conference was opened auspiciously in Washington, December 8, 1908. There were present governors of twenty-odd states, the Secretary of War, Andrew Carnegie, Dr. Edward Everett Hale, Senators of the United States, Representatives in Congress, officials of the District government, and other men of prominence and distinction. Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon, and Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States, completed the list of speakers.

The President and Mr. Taft each made an address and both unreservedly voiced their belief in the wisdom and right of Federal bond issues for the founding of permanent national improvements when it is not feasible to pay for such improvements out of the current revenues of the government.

The President addressed the meeting, and among other things said: "I welcome you here as our guests to Washington and to the work you have gathered to do. No service to the nation in time

of peace could be of greater value than the work which has brought you together. Your task is to make the country's future as great as its present is. Conservation means that our country shall not become great in the present at the expense of the future, but that it shall be preserved for our children and our children's children. That is the greatest task that we have to perform today, and I thank you for undertaking it.

"Let us proceed immediately with the construction of the waterways, for which plans have been already approved, and which we are now certain will fit into the outlines of the general plan.

"If we can pay the cost from current revenues, let us do so. If not, let us issue bonds. By either method, let us have the waterways, and that quickly.

"Forests and waterways cannot be separated in any successful treatment of either. Forest protection and river development must go hand in hand. The three things which should be done without further delay are, therefore:

"First, to provide for a comprehensive plan of

waterway development. Second, to begin at once on work already planned that will surely fit into the larger plan. Third, to provide amply for forest protection against fire, against reckless cutting, against wanton or reckless destruction of all kinds, and to secure the Appalachian and White Mountain national forests without delay."

Governor Chamberlain and Mr. Taft both made strong addresses, bringing out the question as to whether the movement should be made national, and whether the constitution, as it stands, will cover it, or whether the states should undertake the work severally.

Mr. Taft, in the course of his speech, said: "I agree with what the President has said about the issuance of Federal bonds for the funding of permanent national improvements. \* \* \* It is a mere question of economic policy, and the mere fear of criticism because an administration has issued bonds should not prevent us from doing justice to ourselves and posterity."

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# WINNING HIS LEGACY

BY MARY ELLA LEVY

Elmer Perkins considered a moment, then arose and pushed back his chair. "If I am to marry, it may as well be Miss Webb as anyone," he said in a careless tone.

"There are not many who would refuse the prospects which lie before you," his friend replied. "The girl is well worth winning, to say nothing of your uncle's vast estate."

"That may be, but a life that is free is the life for me," and taking his hat, Elmer hurried to the gate, where his horse stood waiting.

"Our fun is over, old boy," he said, as he patted the mane of his steed. "No more camping, nor rough mountain tramps. We shall have to drink violet tea, or play Miss Propriety in some feminine form." And with a sigh he sprang to his saddle, while his horse's eager trot soon brought him to the entrance of a fine mansion sheltered by stately pines.

A maid opened the door.

"Is Miss Webb in?" he inquired, handing her a card.

"No, sir," the maid replied. "She has left the house for good, sir."

"Left!" And at these words he paused in amazement. "But this is her home. Why did she leave?" he questioned in a troubled tone.

"She said it was not her home, sir, and when her guardian died, she packed her goods and went away at once."

Elmer stepped hurriedly into the hall, where everything looked as he could remember it, when as a boy it had been his home. After several years of travel he had learned of his uncle's death, and also the contents of his will which bequeathed him a large fortune on condition that he would consent to marry the old gentleman's ward, a girl whom he had never seen.

He called for the housekeeper, who came quickly forward, but she could tell him nothing of Miss Webb. The girl had gone away, that was all they knew. She would not be thrown at any man's head, she had declared; and being told of her self-dependent nature, Elmer could understand at once how any lady under those circumstances would feel.

"She must return," he said simply. But turn-

ing again to the street, he could think of no way in which he could persuade her to do so.

He rode back to the city, and crossing the crowded square, had just turned down a quiet street, when his horse, springing to one side, stood on his hind legs, while something whisked out with lightning rapidity from under his feet.

"Why don't you look where you are driving?" a voice cried in an excited tone. "I never saw such carelessness. You need not apologize," for Elmer was on his feet by this time. "You simply ran over me; that is all."

Elmer knelt to gather up the contents of a small bag which had fallen from her hand. In doing so a card lay at his feet, and what was his surprise to read upon it the name of Miss Julia Webb. He thrust it into the bag, that she might not know of his discovery; for Elmer Perkins had for the first time in his life seen the face of a maiden whom he could admire. Even with the quick tone, and look of disgust which still lingered on her face, there was something in the luminous brown eyes, the wind-tossed hair and flashing white teeth, that won his affection.

He had scarcely spoken as yet, as they had been desperately at work to rescue herself and her belongings. Now as they stood on the walk, she glanced up to find him looking down at her with a steady, wistful expression, which caused her scowls to turn to a mischievous smile.

"I have been very cross," she said blushing; "but this is one of those things that I object to, being run over bodily."

"I do not blame you," he replied; "Jack, my horse, shall apologize. But are you sure you are not hurt?"

"Quite so, and now I must hurry, for it is getting late."

"Will you allow me to call in the morning?" he asked, "that I may be assured of your escape from harm?"

"Yes—if you care about it," she answered hesitatingly. "I am staying with a friend at No. — Oak Avenue, and you may call for Miss Webb."

"My name is Blair," he replied, not knowing at the moment why he should wish to deceive her, only that he was bound to win, if possible, the love

of this girl, for he realized even on so short an acquaintance the alternative which failure would now mean. He comforted himself, as he watched her disappearing down the street, that he had told no lie, although few of his acquaintances knew that his middle name was Blair; and, going to his hotel, his thoughts were centered on this fair maid and what the future might contain if he could win her love.

The next morning he was at the door of the address she had given, as early as he had thought it proper to call, and, inquiring for Miss Webb, was shown into the cosy parlor. In a few moments she appeared, looking as fresh as the roses he had brought her. He placed them in her hand, saying:

"I am pleased to find you looking so well and hope to learn that both Jack and I are freely forgiven for our carelessness."

"Oh, yes," she replied, laughing good naturedly. "We will shake hands; no go between you two, Mr. Blair, and I sincerely hope that neither you nor Jack will worry any more about it."

"I am glad that there is no need for us to do so." And when later he took his leave, he begged permission to extend their acquaintance, by allowing Jack to take them out driving. "The country is beautiful, and it would give me much pleasure," he added eagerly.

So a day was set for the drive, and, speeding over the country roads, Julia thought it the most delightful outing she had ever enjoyed.

"The sun shines brighter in the country," she said, as Jack was now climbing a long hill. "And look at those violets. It seems to me that I never saw them so blue before."

"That proves that you are happy," Elmer replied, "for you know that all the world looks brighter when one is in a happy mood." And dashing on through forests and meadows, their conversation flowed so freely that by the time they returned to the city they both felt that their acquaintance might have been of much longer duration.

Many other drives followed; also operas and concerts, until Julia realized that Mr. Blair was fast winning her heart. She gave no thought to the nephew of her guardian. "He can have the money,"

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## Eclipse of the Thorntons

BY RUTH HAYS

poor Madge stood speechless and scarlet with confusion.

"Oh, you mean thing! she whispered hotly, as Miss Prince and her brother passed on. "I'll pay you off for this, see if I don't," while Charley began another war dance as soon as he was inside the gate.

"You said he was bald headed," he cried. "I don't think he is a hundred yet? I don't believe he's quite so old as that! And he forgot to say 'Um-m' this time, didn't he? Hey, Madge?"

He dodged skillfully as she made a dart towards him, and scurried into the house before her, while Nan came out to meet them, looking very pretty in her cool, fresh dress. But Madge didn't wait for her sister to speak. She was too vexed for that.

"Oh, Nan!" she began reproachfully. "What did let him come for? He'll stiffen up everything, and we were going to be so comfy all by ourselves. I do think it's too bad!"

"But Miss Prince hasn't seen her brother for a year, Madge," urged Nan, gently. "And, of course, we want to oblige her. Think how good she's been all winter! And it isn't for long—suppose it were you and Charley."

"Pooh! they're grown up. 'Tis likely they care," said Madge, indignantly, and Bob laughed.

"Even grown-ups have a little natural affection left, sometimes, Madge," he said, lightly. "Don't be crusty, old lady—he's all right."

"Is he coming here tonight?" demanded Madge,

[SYNOPSIS.—The physician of a well-to-do city family decrees that the father must go to Colorado for his health, and that the wife and mother must accompany him. As a result, the children move out of the palatial family home and have to seek less pretentious quarters in an undesirable part of the city. A teacher, Miss Prince, boards with the young people and proves a great help to them in the planning of their home life and in devising ways and means for increasing the income of the household. Nan, the oldest sister, plans to do mending as a means of earning money, and each of the older children bravely does his part to help out. Good news comes from Colorado. Christmas, with its joys, was followed with a long, dreary winter, two of the children being sick with the measles. The early spring news from Colorado, too, was somewhat disquieting. Miss Prince is visited by her brother, who becomes the center of interest.]

"Well, it's a shame!" declared Madge. "And I s'pose he's an old bald-headed thing, 'most a hundred, and looks at you through his glasses, and says 'Um-m' every time he begins to talk."

"Oh, I say!" cried Charley. "You've seen him somewhere!"

Madge tossed her head complacently. "I don't need to see him," she said loftily, "I've seen professors before."

She walked on again, while Charley winked behind her back; and just as they reached their own door, Miss Prince came out, followed by a stranger, neither old, nor bald-headed; no, not yet spectacled, but quite "youngish," as Madge instantly noted; dark haired, tall, and good looking. And Miss Prince was saying, "There is Madge, John," and presenting "My brother, Professor Prince," while

unappeased. "Then I shall go and help poor Mary. She'll need me." She marched off to the kitchen in stern disapproval, while the elder ones smiled a little.

"She'll be all right," said Nan, softly. "And she really can, too—you'd be surprised to see her. 'It's a great notion of cooking she has,' Mary says."

"Good for Madge! She'll be a prize some day. But I say, Nan," looking at her with frank admiration. "Aren't you rather stunning this afternoon? What's up?"

"Oh, I meant to make things a little festive for the children because school is out," answered Nan. "We're going to have a good dinner, and Mary is making strawberry short cake for dessert, to celebrate a bit."

"Luck for the professor! He'll never want to go away, once he's tried Mary's short cake," laughed Bob. "Jacky anywhere around? I'm going up street and may as well take him along. Over with the little Morgans? All right; I'll stop and get him."

Meantime Madge's wrath was evaporating with her work. "Mary," she said presently, as she hulled the ripe berries, "I was going to write a book, but I don't seem to get much time, and anyway I've got stuck in it; so I guess I'll learn to cook instead, wouldn't you?"

"So I would then," returned Mary, energetically. "It's a deal usefuller. What would you be writin' a book for, an' the house overrun with 'em now?"

"All right, then; I'll cook. I'll make popovers for breakfast tomorrow if you'll let me. And look here,

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Miss Morris as Camille

Miss Morris as Mrs. Multon

Miss Morris in "17"

IT WAS by Dr. Richard Burton, then literary adviser of the Lothrop Company, Boston—the man who had just landed "Stage Life"—that I was introduced to Clara Morris. We had been consulting on some literary matter when Mr. Burton broke in upon the conversation abruptly:

"Oh, by the way, Clara Morris is to be here tomorrow. Do you know, you two women ought to know each other; you will be great friends?"

Clara Morris came, we were introduced, and, in less than an hour, we were wondering why we had never met before. In less than a day we knew that we should have a warm place, each in the other's heart, for life—we had read and read together—we had talked volumes. And to hear Clara Morris talk, if you are of a kindred spirit, is to know her and to love her.

Born a decade or two too late to appreciate, by personal knowledge, the powerful histrionic ability of this great emotional actress, it is as a writer, and more essentially as a woman, that I have known her; a woman reaching out for the betterment of all human conditions, stretching always a helping hand to the poor, the forsaken, the friendless. One day, after my friendship had become established with Mr. Harriott as well as with madam, he said to me: "I suppose you are surprised at the kind of people Clara sometimes draws about her. I used to remonstrate with her in our early married life, but I've stopped now. One day I was more harsh than usual in my judgment of a case in hand—it seemed to me there was no mortal power could bring the girl to her senses—when the madam turned on me: 'Fred Harriott,' she said, 'when will you remember that you are only a man? You can know nothing of that girl's temptations. If I guard her now, there is a chance that I may save her; by and by it will be too late. Do you realize what too late means to a woman? If I let her go now, and she falls, the price of her soul may be on my head. If such a girl wanders from my side once, I shall welcome her back, twice, thrice, as long as I know there is good in her heart.'"

A characteristic little incident took place, I believe it was in Buffalo, N. Y., which went to demonstrate the fact often attested by Mr. Harriott, that it is an absolute impossibility for the madam to keep money. A woman came to the hotel and asked for Clara Morris. Mr. Harriott, himself, went down, hoping to ward off anything disagreeable, for he is well used to the demands made on the madam's generosity. When he saw the woman, he was not favorably impressed. She had a stolid, expressionless face and had the marks of an impostor. He felt like denying her outright, but she was not the kind to give up, so he took her name in to Clara. "You don't need to see her, you know," he said hopefully. "See her!" exclaimed Mrs. Harriott, of course I will see her. Why, Fred, that woman saved my life once when I was poor and friendless and hungry!" This, with all the dramatic ardor she had ever infused into her rendition of Camille or Miss Multon. Mr. Harriott, knowing his wife, supposed this woman might have given her a few coppers once in her struggling girlhood, so he called her in, leaving the two in conference.

## CLARA MORRIS A TRIBUTE OF FRIENDSHIP

By . GRACE . ADELE ; PIERCE

After a considerable time, he went back; the woman was gone and his wife met him with a reproachful face. "Oh, Fred," were her first words. "If you hadn't let her come. Why, she is starving, and I would never have known." "How much did you give her?" was Mr. Harriott's practical question—"a five or a fifty?" He never found out.

Clara Morris, as a lecturer, made a new and vital success. She lectures as she talks, and she talks as she used to act—there is all the fire and fervor of a dramatic portrayal in her voice, her expression, and her words. I have been spellbound through a dreary, rainy afternoon—Clara Morris propped up on a bed of pain and talking—I have listened until the dingy old Theater of the '60s became a thing of the present—until Camille and Miss Multon became living women and the old stage surged with the life of "Article 47." This woman seems to possess the power of assuming the entire role—she seems to know the old plays by heart, every detail as true as in the days of her acting.

Several years ago—seven or eight, I believe—I approached a well-known and aged manager in regard to a lecture engagement for madam. He had deteriorated from his old standing, but was still active. "Why, bless your soul," was his amused comment to my inquiry. "What do you think you know about Clara Morris? I knew her before you ever saw a theater. I am the man who brought her out as an imp in 'Black Crook.'" Here was something interesting—I must hear more, so I

questioned. "Yes," he went on, "she was the plainest, the most angular and awkward little girl that had ever applied for work. She was so silent and poorly dressed that I wondered. I doubted her ability to even take the part of an imp. I doubted, until I saw her face, and then, somehow, I had a different feeling. 'What can you do?' I asked. 'Anything,' was the quiet reply. 'I've studied Juliet and all of them!' And will you believe me," went on the enthusiastic old manager, "it was true, and she not quite thirteen. That girl knew every line of every part in the 'Black Crook,' too, before she had been with it a month."

With her manifold gifts, it is impossible for Clara Morris ever to assume the role of "a back number." It was one day during the height of her lecture popularity, and I was passing hurriedly through the corridor of the hotel to the presence of my friend, when I was accosted by a gentleman. He was a fine looking man, somewhat past middle age, and he said: "I beg your pardon, madam, but I see you are the only person admitted to the apartments of Clara Morris." "Yes," was my reply. "Mrs. Harriott is very delicate as well as very busy, and it is impossible for her to see anyone but her closest friends." "Will you bear a message for me?" he said, in his courtly Southern manner. "I want you to tell Clara Morris for me that there is no decadence in her power; that there was an old fellow in the audience today, who used to follow her company from city to city through the South, who shed tears for Miss Multon and Camille and quivered under the representation of the Sphinx and Jezebel; and he sat today, just as he used to sit, with tears rolling down his cheeks, so lost that he didn't know but he was a young man again."

This was just after Clara Morris had given her famous lecture, "A Peep Behind the Scenes," and this man, in unison with the other ten thousand individuals in the audience, had been swayed to smiles and tears and utter forgetfulness.

I was with her in the waiting room that day. She was in ill health and much flurried when we got there. Some mistake had been made, and the wait was much longer than we had anticipated. Mrs. Harriott was taken with her inevitable stage-fright—it is the real thing, whatever other actresses may say, and pitiful to behold—the blue, drawn lips and the shaking hands.

We helped her onto the stage, heard the burst of applause and laughter, and knew that all was well, for with her, as with all true artists, the stage fright is only a promoter. What she said was: "Just give me time to catch my breath. I have been doing this thing ever since I was thirteen years old, and I am just as frightened today as I was the first time." The audience, of course, took it as a joke and laughed, but it was the truth.

This much for her lecture work; of her writing I will say nothing, as it speaks for itself. To the past generation, it was the marvelous histrionic power that revealed the heights and depths of this woman's nature; to the present generation, it is her pen which has opened hitherto unguessed vistas; but to the friend, past or present, it is her own personality which holds the enduring charm.

### For An Anniversary

By Flora Charlotte Finley

A happy wife is a bride away!  
Minute by minute, day by day  
The hours and the years pass swift away  
With time for work and time for play—  
Oh, a happy wife is a bride away!

Orange blossoms with perfume sweet  
Scatter their fragrance before your feet,  
Rise and fall with your heart's beat—  
Now golden fruit and blossoms meet,  
Marking the years that have passed so fleet.

A happy wife is a bride away!  
Minute by minute, day by day  
The hours and the years pass swift away—  
God's blessing rest on you for aye,  
And blessings on your wedding day!



# Pulpit Talks on Love, Courtship, Marriage, Home

## MOTHER, THE QUEEN OF THE HOME

By REV. CHARLES EDWARD ODELL

**T**HE young Jewess who won the admiration of Ahasuerus, the king of Persia, above all the chosen maidens of his realm, and who delivered her people at the risk of her own life, is one of the most prominent women in Jewish history.

From Eve to Mary, women have repeatedly appeared in most prominent places on the pages of sacred writ. The history of Israel finds some of its most wonderful situations in the exploits of Deborah, Jacl, Judith; while, on the side of evil, Delilah, Jezebel, and their class, are not less conspicuous. There was a freedom enjoyed by the women of Israel that was not allowed in the more elaborate civilizations of the great empires of the East, and this developed an independent spirit and vigor not usually seen in Oriental women.

In the case of Esther these good qualities were able to survive the external restraints of her court life, and teach her skill and diplomacy, since she had to most carefully choose her course amidst the greatest dangers to her people and herself. The beauty of her character and achievement was in the fact that she was not spoiled by her great and sudden elevation. To be the one favorite, out of all the select maidens of the kingdom, and also to know that she owed her privileges and position solely to the king's fancy for her personal charms, did not ruin her grace, interest, and earnestness in behalf of her people.

The unchanged simplicity is first seen in her loyal, submissive obedience to her guardian, Mordecai, after she attained her high position. Though she is honored as queen by the great king, she does not forget the kind, humble porter who reared her from childhood. She had been accustomed to obey this grave old Jew in the days of her youth, and hence in the days of her queenly powers, neither Mordecai nor her humble, enslaved people were forgotten, though she risked her life to importune the king in their behalf. Having found favor, the king, desirous to grant her wishes, asks: "What is thy petition, Queen Esther, and it shall be granted thee; and what is thy request, and it shall be performed, even to the half of the kingdom."

It is an old story repeated. A king governing, with a scepter of power, a whole people. A woman governing, with the scepter of love, of personal charms, of real earnestness, a king. It is the story of the power behind the throne, and that power a woman. A power behind the profession, behind the business, behind the work, behind the home, governing quietly, gently, sweetly, but most effectively.

The question, "Is marriage a failure?" is very often asked. Sometimes in jest; sometimes in earnest. When I hear that question, I think of the many evil influences that are at work to destroy man's profession, business, work, home. I think also of the sweet, strong, abiding influence of a true noble woman, and I reply, true marriage is never a failure.

Man needs something to make him an integral part of society. There is nothing that can give him a place in the true, highest social realm, like the enjoyment and responsibilities of a home. There is nothing in this world so mighty in its power to drag a man from his selfishness, as the strong love of a pure woman in the blessed atmosphere of a delightful home. There is nothing more powerful in its influence for social purity than the weak arm of an innocent babe. It matters not how rough the man's life may be, how strong the ties of association, how sinful and wicked the life, to feel the warm flesh of a little cheek, the close embrace of a little arm and hear that little innocent voice say, "Papa, I love you," touches the heart and arouses slumbering manhood.

Go take your place on the streets of any city, or manufacturing town, and watch the crowd of



There is Happiness in the Simple Home Life.

toilers as they go to, or return from, their day's labor. Study their faces. No matter how hard and drawn their features may be by grim work; how plodding their walk, how tired and listless their appearance, you can read much of their history as they pass. Go into the busy marts of trade. The markets, the stores, the banks, everywhere, and whatever there may be of worry, care, disappointment, and failure, written on each feature, there, too, you may know much of their personal history. To the great majority of all classes there is, consciously or unconsciously, a woman's face beckoning them on; a woman's sympathy and moral support holding them up. On the faces of some you may read the anticipations of the love they seek; others reveal love's fondest realization in a home

where waits a loving wife and blessed children to welcome them at the close of the day.

Woman, if she be true, has almost godlike power. Woman, if she be base and false, has the full power of a demon. Every woman in the home must be either a help or hindrance. I do not simply refer to the material help or hindrance; that is highest and best which is sympathetic and spiritual. Every man in his most serious moments feels the need of the strength that only a spiritual woman can give him. There is nothing that can so impart confidence and courage in the midst of life's battle as the feeling that he has at his side a woman, a companion, whose life is true and spiritual.

There is one grand and all-absorbing right that every wife has, and that is the right to make home happy. She may never have been able to understand and enter into your highest ambitions, but she has the power to make home the most attractive place on this earth—the only calm harbor of refuge in this world of toil and moil. You know as well as I that this outside world, this world we call the business world, the world of trade and labor, is full of strife and contention.

O, woman, thank God that you have a home, and that there you may be queen. Better be there than wear a royal crown, or carry the purse of a princess. Your home may be humble, but you can gild it with glory supernal.

When you desire to get the grandest idea of a queen, you do not think of one clothed in satin and ermine, seated upon a throne of carved ivory and gold, but rather you think of that plain but truly noble woman who sat opposite your father at the table or walked arm in arm with him a down the sometimes thorny pathway of life; anon to the place of thanksgiving and rejoicing, to the open grave, but always there with strong womanly heart—a helpmate, indeed.

You remember her as soothing your griefs, correcting your childish waywardness, joining in your little pleasures, hearing your evening prayers. Yes, you remember how on cold nights she tucked you snug and warm in bed, how she petted your cheek and told you not to be afraid. You remember how incessantly she toiled for you from early dawn till night, often sitting up long after the others had retired, to sew and prepare your clothing for the next day. Possibly you remember in that last day as she lay dying, you saw her take those poor, thin hands with which she had toiled for you so many years, and putting together in a dying prayer, commend you to the God whom she loved and taught you to trust.

You cannot think of her today without a rush of tenderness that stirs the deep fountains of your soul, and you feel as much a child again as when you cried out your sorrows in her lap. If you could call her back again to speak just one more word, to call your name tenderly as she used to call it, you would throw yourself prostrate before her, embracing her feet, and cry "mother."

When we consider the fact that it is woman who at the very gateway of life receives the babe, moulding his character is that formative period of life; when we consider that it is very largely her influence that determines the child's ideals; when we consider that the home she makes is the child's world for so many years, can you think of a realm over which any earthly queen may reign that has more responsibility, or receives more of the real glory of heaven?

A little book I have, which contains memorials of a mother in the middle rank of life, who, after her own training under godly influences, brought up a large family to noble manhood and womanhood, rich in the service of God and of mankind. This book contains the hallowed impressions these sons

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### Mother's Growing Old

By Marietta Carpenter

"Mother's hair is turning white,  
More she feels the cold,  
And her step is not so light;  
Mother's growing old.  
Growing old! each silvered hair  
That we've helped to make  
Tells of sacrifices made  
For her children's sake.

"Mother tires quickly now,  
Less her dear hands hold;  
Lines are deep'ning on her brow,  
Mother's growing old.  
Growing old! Those lines of care  
That, alas, we've laid  
Tell of heartaches and of prayers  
For her children made.

"Mother reads her Bible through  
Glasses rimmed with gold;  
Ah, 'tis plain and sad to view  
Mother growing old.  
Growing old that she might give  
Us a mother's love,  
Helping us so we may live  
In the home above.

"Mother's form is spare and bent,  
Illness we behold;  
For us life and health are spent,  
Making her grow old.  
Growing old lest careless feet  
In wayward paths might roam;  
Growing old to give each day  
Us a home, sweet home."



# HOME FLORI-CULTURE

A DEPARTMENT IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL WHO GROW FLOWERS  BY EBEN E. REXFORD

## Conservation of Natural Beauty

We Americans are a "peculiar people." We have only "a speaking acquaintance" with nature, though she lives next door to us. We see her at work, year after year, but we pay less attention to what she does than we do to what man does. We seem, somehow, to have imbibed the idea that man-made things are superior to anything that shows the earmarks of nature's craftsmanship, therefore we ignore her, and one man patterns after another, and the result is a series of imitations, each one a little worse than the one patterned after. Have you never watched the operations of the man who makes a home for himself and family in the forest? The first thing he does is to cut down all the trees about the place, no matter how noble they are, or how beautiful, they all fall before his axe. By and by, when his home is built, he sets out some saplings, and sets them in rows, and so many feet apart, because his neighbors do that, and he waits for years for them to develop. If he had left two or three of the old trees standing, he would not only have shade from the start, but he would have had such beauty as the trees he plants—and waits half a lifetime for—may never develop into. For, say what any one may about it, no tree that grows up under man's supervision ever has the grace, the dignity, the strong beauty that characterizes the tree that nature has reared. One such tree is worth a score of our ordinary "shade trees." It is a thing to respect, to revere, to make friends with. Can you ever work up a feeling of sentiment in connection with the tree that has been planted, and pruned, after the plan adopted by Tom, and Dick, and Harry? I can not. The sentiment has been pruned away from it.

It is with everything else as it is with our trees. We shut our eyes to the beauty on every hand and set about "improving on nature." If we were not so blind, so foolish in our own conceit, we would rea-

lize how futile all our efforts must be. We work by imitation, while nature works by instinct. The divine instinct of beauty, that cannot make a mistake. I have often wished we might organize a society whose aim should be the preservation of whatever is beautiful. Not for the sake of improving on it, as some matter-of-fact member might attempt to do, under the impression that man, being "the noblest work of God," according to a rather antiquated opinion, can do things better than anybody or anything else. Rather with a view to keeping before us the master pieces of beauty, which we can never attain to, unless, by long loving and close companionship with nature, we are taken into her confidence and find out some of her secrets. We want to get rid of the idea that, being man, we are superior to everything else in the universe. As men, we may be entitled to the veneration we give ourselves, but we cannot overlook the fact that we have our limitations, our shortcomings. Let us look for natural beauty, everywhere, and having found it, let us endeavor to preserve it for those who come after us. But we cannot make a success of this most laudable undertaking until we disabuse our minds of the belief that, simply because we are men, we are in all respects superior to the great elemental forces which wrought the beauty to be seen all about us. We must get rid of some of our stupendous self-conceit, and put ourselves in a position to recognize the ability of nature in directions as yet beyond our ability to copy successfully.

## The Abutilon

This plant, often called Flowering Maple, because of the resemblance of its foliage to that of our native tree of that name, and sometimes Chinese Bell-Flower, because of its pendant, bell-shaped flowers, is an excellent subject for house culture. It blooms freely, requires only a moderate amount of care,

and is not often attacked by insects. Its flowers are borne on long, slender stems, and have a very graceful appearance as they droop among the luxuriant foliage. There are several varieties in general cultivation. Some have red flowers, some pink, some yellow, and some white. Some have beautifully variegated foliage, especially Savitzii, with broad cream and white markings on a light green ground, and Eclipse, dark green and yellow. The latter variety is of drooping habit, and makes a fine bracket plant.

The habit of the Abutilon is sturdy and upright, but unless it has some attention in the way of pruning and training it often takes on an awkward shape. The best result is secured by training in tree form. Keep it to one straight stalk until it reaches the height where you would like to have the head of your little tree form. Then nip off the top. Very soon branches will start along the stalk. Rub off all of these except three or four nearest the tip. When these have grown to be three or four inches long, nip off their ends. In this way, by persistent effort along the nipping line, you will soon secure as many branches as are needed to give you a bushy, compact head. If it seems to be thin at first frequent nipping will cause it to thicken up. Such a plant makes a fine ornament for the bay-window, but is rather too large for the ordinary window.

The Abutilon grows well in any soil that suits a geranium, which is only another way of saying that it will do well in almost any soil you see fit to give it. Water moderately. It is easily grown from cuttings. A large, well-grown specimen is very useful for porch decoration in summer. Few plants stand severe cutting back as well as this one. I have frequently cut away nearly all the branches on an old plant, and in a short time it has renewed itself completely.

## Worth While Opinions of Worth While Men About Conservation

Herewith is presented a most interesting symposium of opinion regarding the vastly important subject of conservation. Following are excerpts from addresses delivered by the persons named at the first conservation conference:

### President-Elect William H. Taft

"The conservation of National resources is a subject to which the present administration has given especial attention. The necessity for a comprehensive and systematic improvement of our waterways, the preservation of our soil, and of our forests, the securing from private appropriation the power in navigable streams, the retention of the undisposed of coal lands of the government from alienation, all will properly claim from the next administration earnest attention and appropriate legislation. \* \* \* Our children will not be able to make headway if we leave to them an impoverished country. Our land, our waters, our forests, and our minerals are the sources from which come directly or indirectly the livelihood of all of us. The conservation of our natural resources is a question of fundamental importance to the United States now."

### Hon. William Jennings Bryan

"\* \* \* It should be our purpose, not only to preserve the nation's resources for future generations by reducing waste to a minimum \* \* \* we should see to it that a few of the people do not monopolize that which in equity is the property of all the people. The earth belongs to each generation, and it is as criminal to fetter future generations with perpetual franchises, making the multitude servants to a favored faction of the population, as it would be to impair, unnecessarily, the common store. \* \* \* This gathering will

be remembered by future generations, because they as well as ourselves will be the recipients of the benefits which will flow from this conference. We have all been strengthened by communion together; our vision has been enlarged and the enthusiasm here aroused will permeate every state and every community."

### His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons

"No policy of our national government is more in keeping with those democratic principles upon which our republic is founded than the conservation of our natural resources, and none is to have a greater influence upon the future prosperity of our land."

### Mr. Andrew Carnegie

"We are nationally in the position of a large family receiving a rich patrimony from thrifty parents deceased intestate \* \* \* Now, the first duty of such a family is to take stock of its patrimony; the next to manage the assets in such manner that none shall be wasted, that all be put to the greatest good of the living and their descendants."

### Secretary James R. Garfield

"\* \* \* Why should a great resource, which is owned by the people at large, be used by private interests, by somebody that is looking only to his own benefit, and not to the benefit of the people of the country. The people as a whole own these natural resources. They are not divided. But the people as a whole, as I say, own them, and it is for them to determine whether those resources shall be used for the benefit of all, or shall be turned over to be used unregulated for the benefit of those who may perchance first get

a foothold in any special locality. \* \* \* In any law that is passed, in any theory of disposition that is adopted, we must look not only to their conservation and use, but we must look to the prevention of their monopolization \* \* \* in the hands of a few favored interests."

### Secretary Elihu Root

"I regard this meeting as marking a new departure, the beginning of an era in which the states of the Union will exercise their reserve sovereign powers upon a higher plane of patriotism and love of country than has ever existed before."

### Mr. James J. Hill

"Of all the sinful wastes of man's inheritance on earth," said the late Professor Shaler, "and all are in this regard sinners, the very worst are the people of America." This is not a popular phrase, but a scientific judgment. It is borne out by facts. Every nation finds its hour of peril when there is no longer free access to the land, or when the land will no longer support the people."

### Mr. John Mitchell

"In our mad rush for spoils and profits we not only waste and destroy those material resources with which God has so bountifully endowed us, but we press forward in the race, sacrificing, unnecessarily, the lives and the comfort of our fellow-beings. It seems to me that the time has come when we should stop for a moment and think—not alone of those inanimate things that make for comfort and prosperity, but also of the men, and the women, and the children, whose toil and deprivation have made and will continue to make our country and our people the most progressive and most intelligent of all nations and of all the peoples of the earth."



# Vick's Perfection Patterns

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# Complete Description of Perfection Seam-Fitting Patterns Shown on Preceding Page

By MARIE MORRELL

2141. Misses' semi-fitting coat. Three sizes, 13 to 17 years. For a miss of 15 years the coat requires two and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2147. Misses' circular skirt, with or without center-front seam. Three sizes, 13 to 17 years. For a miss of 15 years the skirt with center-front seam requires three and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2237. Ladies' semi-fitting coat, in three-quarter length. Seven sizes, 32 to 44. For 36 bust the coat requires three and one-half yards of material 36 inches wide.

2247. Ladies' seven-gored plaited skirt, closed at left side of front and in ankle length. Seven sizes, 22 to 34 waist. For 26 waist the skirt requires six and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2429. Ladies' three-button cutaway jacket. Seven sizes, 32 to 44. For 36 bust the jacket requires three yards of material 36 inches wide.

2432. Ladies' three-piece skirt, closed at left side of front and with an inverted box-plait at center back seam. Seven sizes, 22 to 34. For 26 waist the skirt requires five yards of material 36 inches wide.

2344. Ladies' semi-fitting jacket. Seven sizes, 32 to 44. For 36 bust the jacket requires three yards of material 36 inches wide.

2341. Ladies' seven-gored flare skirt. Eight sizes, 22 to 36. For 26 waist the skirt with nap requires five and five-eighths yards of material 36 inches wide; without nap, it requires five and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2435. Ladies' tucked shirtwaist, with back yoke. Six sizes, 32 to 42. For 36 bust the waist requires two and one-eighth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2396. Ladies' five-gored skirt. Eight sizes, 22 to 36. For 26 waist the skirt requires four and five-eighths yards of material, with nap, and without nap, it needs four and one-fourth yards 36 inches wide.

2428. Girls' and children's one-piece dress—known as the envelop dress. Six sizes, 2 to 12 years. For a girl of 8 years the dress requires two and five-eighths yards of material 36 inches wide.

1405. Misses' and girls' guimpe, with simulated yoke and high, Dutch or square neck. Six sizes, 6 to 16 years. For a girl of 12 years the guimpe requires one and five-eighths yards of material 36 inches wide.

2397. Boys' shirtwaist, with separate turndown collar. Seven sizes, 3 to 15 years. For a boy of 9 years the shirt requires one and seven-eighths yards of material 36 inches wide.

2379. Boys' knickerbockers. Eight sizes, 2 to 16 years. For 10 years the knickerbockers require one and three-eighths yards of material 36 inches wide.

2388. Misses' sailor blouse, with kimono armholes, removable shield and long or three-quarter length sleeves. Three sizes, 13 to 17 years. For a miss of 15 years the blouse, made of one material, requires two and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2391. Misses' nine-gored plaited skirt. Four sizes, 14 to 17 years. For a miss of 15 years the skirt requires four and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide, with nap, and without nap, it needs four yards 36 inches wide.

1792. Ladies' dressing-sack, with loose front and semi-fitting back. Eight sizes, 32 to 46. For 36 bust the sack requires two and one-eighth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2624. Boys' Russian suit, consisting of a blouse in "Gibson" style with a removable shield, and sleeves plaited at bottom or finished with wristband and knickerbockers. Six sizes, 2 to 7 years.

2661. Child's box-coat. Five sizes, one-half to 7 years. For a child of five years the coat requires two and one-eighth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2656. Boys' overcoat, with removable shield. Five sizes, 2 to 6 years. For a boy of 4 years the coat requires three and one-fourth yards of material 27 inches wide.

2628. Girls' coat. Five sizes, 6 to 14 years. For a girl of 10 years the coat requires three yards of material 36 inches wide.

2622. Girls' dress, closing at back. Five sizes, 6 to 14. For a girl of 10 years the dress requires two and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2625. Ladies' tucked shirtwaist. Six sizes, 32 to 42. For 36 bust the waist requires two and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide.

1938. Ladies' yoke dressing-sack, with three-quarter length sleeves, and with or without collar. Seven sizes, 32 to 44. For 36 bust the sack requires three yards of material 36 inches wide.

2645. Ladies' three-piece skirt, closing at left side of front and in medium sweep or round length. Seven sizes, 22 to 34. For 26 waist the skirt requires five and one-half yards of material 36 inches wide.

2630. Child's dress, with body and sleeves in one, high or low neck and sleeves in full length or short flowing style. Five sizes one-half to seven years.

2650. Boys' blouse or shirt blouse, with back yoke facing and with or without permanent turn down collar. Six sizes, 5 to 15 years. For a boy of 11 years the blouse requires two and one-eighth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2626. Child's two-piece dress, closing on shoulders. Four sizes, 1 to 7 years. For a child of 5 years one and three-quarters yards of material 36 inches wide.

2652. Misses' nine-gored skirt, closing with buttons down left side of front and with inverted box-plait at the back or in habit style. Four sizes, 14 to 17 years. For a miss of 15 years the skirt requires three and one-half yards of material 36 inches wide.

2641. Ladies' tucked shirtwaist. Six sizes, 32 to 42. For 36 bust the waist requires two and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide.

2562. Misses' semi-Princess dress, with a removable chemisette, long or three-quarter sleeves and an attached seven-gored skirt. Four sizes, 14 to 17 years. For a miss of 15 years the dress requires five yards of material 36 inches wide.

2621. Ladies' one-piece work apron. Three sizes, 32, 36 and 40. For 36 bust the apron requires three and three-fourths yards of material 36 inches wide.

2655. Ladies' kimono, wrapper and sack. Four sizes, 32, 36, 40 and 44. For 36 bust the kimono wrapper requires five and one-fourth yards of material 36 inches wide and the kimono sack needs two and five-eighths yards 36 inches wide.

2627. Ladies' semi-Princess dress, closing with buttons down left side of front, consisting of a waist with separate collar and cuffs and an attached seven-gored skirt. Seven sizes, 32 to 44.

2636. Girls' and children's kimono, with body and sleeves in one. Six sizes, 2 to 12 years. For a girl of 8 years the kimono requires two and three-fourths yards of material 36 inches wide.

2547. Ladies' dress in high or low neck, with Empire back and full or elbow length mousquetaire sleeves. Seven sizes, 32 to 44.

## The Life Story of a Snowflake

By Ethel Terry Reeder

[SYNOPSIS.—Uncle John tells an interesting life-story of a snowflake to a group of children, and one of them writes it out and sends it to his Cousin Ralph. First, the snowflake was a drop of water, then evaporated and joined many others in a huge cloud, sailed over Africa, ran into a mountain, again became a drop of water, rushed down the mountain, over monster falls, flowed along down the great Nile river into ancient Egypt, where it saw the Children of Israel being lashed and driven by their Egyptian taskmasters, also beautiful temples.]

### PART II.

Soon night came down quietly; the stars came out one by one; and the moon rose and shed its pale light over the water. All I could hear was the low gurgling of the river. Everything had been quiet for a long time, and the moon was almost ready to go down, when I was startled by a rustling among the flags and looked up. Standing on the bank was a Hebrew mother with her babe in her arms; and close behind her was her little daughter carrying a queer looking basket made of rushes and covered with pitch. The woman wrapped the little one close and tucked it snugly into the basket. Then she pushed it out among the rushes. As soon as she had made sure that it would not float out into the river she hurried off, but the little girl stayed not far away. My companions and I moved gently to and fro. The basket rocked, and the little one slept.

Not long after the sun rose the next morning I heard the sound of voices, and saw a company of women coming toward the bayou. From the attention the others paid to one tall, handsomely-dressed young woman of the company, I decided that she was some rich lady, and that they were her servants. They were just ready to go in bathing when the lady saw the basket among the rushes, and told one of her maids to get it.

In her efforts to get the basket the maid pushed me away from the bank, and I was soon in the great river again, rushing away to the sea.

Once in the sea, I moved more slowly, simply drifting into the current until one day the tide carried me up on the beach, where I was dipped up and carried away to a place where I was put into a pan with some other boiling water, and boiled for a long time before I had time to expand and float away. When I did succeed in expanding sufficiently to float, I found that I had left in the pan all the salt that I had gathered up out of the sea. However, I was used to changes by this time; so I only wondered what would come next.

I floated and drifted for a long time; but finally it grew dark, and I began to feel cold. When morning came I was clinging to a blade of grass in a beautiful garden. A little girl came by, and cried, "Oh, see the pretty dew-drop!" but just then she touched me, and I fell right down at the roots of a plant. The moisture I gave it was the very thing the plant needed; so it grew, and sent up a beautiful flower to the sunlight. A young girl picked the flower, and carried it away to a room where a sick woman lay.

Again I floated away as vapor, became part of a cloud, fell as rain, and soon found my way into the river. I was moving along with the rest of the water in the river when I heard a noise ahead. It grew louder and louder, and soon I plunged over a great waterfall. I was beaten into spray on the stones below, and helped moisten the gray, moss-covered rocks that rose high above the fall on each side. Soon I gathered myself together, and finding my way back into the stream, rushed on

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# At Home With the Editor

## Happy New Year!

Glad some words these! Reassuring, too, as they ring out on the frosty morning air of winter, fond utterance from lips of love that but echo forth affection's joyous heart-song,—a song that can be both seen and heard,—yes, seen,—as out from the visage of him who voices it, spirit-like, there floats heavenward man's misty breath, "pillar of cloud," tangible embodiment of his "happy New Year."

As an essential condition to one's wishing all a sincere Happy New Year, he must needs have driven from his heart all ill-will toward anyone which may have been cherished there; he must needs have forgiven all "who have trespassed against him." What better time is there during all the livelong year to "forgive and forget" than at the dawning of the new year? Sometimes it seems a most difficult task to forgive those who, we think, have wronged us. At such times it is well to remember that when He, in whose honor we celebrate the glad holiday-time, was on the cross and was being taunted and maltreated by his enemies, even then, He uttered this sublime prayer, "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do." If, at that supremely trying moment, He could feel forgiveness for those who were so cruelly wronging Him, how much more should we cheer-

fully forgive those who may do us some trifling injury. By so doing will we be able to wish all a Happy New Year.

## Turning Over a New Leaf

The birth of each New Year brings with it to most of us a goodly supply of high resolves and purposes. This annual laying in of loftier ideals and nobler aims is often spoken of as "turning over a new leaf." Fortunate is it that so many, at the opening of each new year, do thus; more fortunate is it if the ideals then conceived are higher and higher each succeeding year; and more fortunate still, if all the good resolutions of each bright New Year's Day are realized in our lives during the succeeding twelve-month.

Not only do individuals, at stated periods, change their manner of life for the better and "turn over a new leaf," but fortunately institutions, states, and nations do likewise. Notably is this true of the United States, where popular government has found its best expression. Illustration of this fact is found in the great Conservation Movement in this country that is now gaining such gratifying headway under the intrepid and inspiring leadership of President Theodore Roosevelt. Whereas up to a few years since, our people were criminally wasteful of nature's apparently limitless bounty and seemed to think our great natural resources could never be exhausted, now they are awakening to the startling fact that we are rapidly approaching the end of our timber and mineral supply. During the second Cleveland administration, in harmony with recommendations of the President, Congress made a beginning by enacting legislation providing for national forest reserves. The McKinley administration strongly supported the new policy, and secured its wider extension. But it remained to the Roosevelt regime to give a tremendous impulse to the Conservation movement, to arouse an enlightened public sentiment regarding the same, to broaden its scope, and to plan well-considered and definite constructive measures that cannot fail to prove largely effective in preserving and conserving the generous heritage wherewith nature has blessed our nation, for the benefit of our children and all who come after us.

It is most gratifying to know that no partisanship obtains as to this vastly important subject, and that the work, so auspiciously begun under a Democratic President, has been so splendidly carried forward under two Republican administrations with the hearty approval of the most prominent statesmen of the opposition party, and is to be continued and aggressively pushed under President W. H. Taft, who will be inaugurated March 4 next. How our people are going about it to "turn over a new leaf" as to Conservation is beautifully emblemized in the striking and artistic design that embellishes our first cover page. It is earnestly to be hoped that the good example which our much-beloved Uncle Sam is giving in this matter will be followed by our entire citizenship, and that all will learn how, better than ever before, to practice in their

everyday home and business life, the splendid virtues of true thrift and wise economy.

## Conservation on the Farm

Nowhere else is it so easy to be wasteful as on the farm, and nowhere else is it so important that the precepts of wise economy be carefully observed as on the farm. The faithfulness with which such precepts are followed measures the entire difference that exists between success and failure in farming. Not only does the wise farmer seek to save and use to best possible advantage "every scrap" that enters into the economy of farm life, but he makes a careful study of soil conditions, so replenishes the soil with fertilizers, and rotates his crops as to "keep up his land" and not utterly exhaust and impoverish it. In the early history of nearly every western state, farmers almost universally planted and replanted their land to wheat year after year, until it had become utterly worn out and the farmers themselves were almost bankrupt. Later, learning from bitter experience, most of these farmers wisely went into stock-raising, and thereby "brought up their land" to something of its old-time efficiency. The successful farmer knows that it is not so much what he takes off from his land and sends to market that makes him permanently well-to-do, but the earning power which he conserves in the land he tills.

## Conservation in the Home

The prosperity of families not a few is often only a dream, because of the wastefulness and extravagance of the wife and mother and the daughters whom she rears. In the first place, such housewives seem to be wholly devoid of sense and judgment in making needed purchases for the household, and, secondly, they are wholly unable to make such purchases go far in the home. Garments unwisely bought are soon run through with; the fine art of mending and "making over" is wholly unknown, and as a result other purchases soon have to be made. Likewise, the same waste obtains in the kitchen. Provisions are unwisely bought and great quantities of food are ruthlessly thrown away that might easily be transformed into other toothsome dishes. And so, year after year, this extravagance goes on and the family is always in reduced circumstances, it matters not how hard the husband and father may toil and struggle to "get ahead." The children, raised in such a place, by charity called home, become even more wasteful and extravagant than are their parents, and when they, in turn, set up households of their own, the sad story of improvidence is repeated, and often enlarged upon. How exceedingly important is it, therefore, that vastly more attention be given in our schools to the wise instruction of our future homemakers in true domestic science and household economy. If the spirit of true Conservation be not found in our homes, its ascendancy elsewhere will be of little enduring value, for without prosperous and happy homes, national well-being is impossible.

## Helping Young Men and Women

How much real good persons of wealth and influence might do in helping young men and women to obtain an education to fit themselves for usefulness, and then finding for them opportunities to use to advantage their educated talents! Indeed, one need not be wealthy to enter upon this work. One with a small fortune and moderate income can do great good in this way. Set aside a few hundred dollars for this purpose, keep a good, sharp lookout for youth of promise, and loan them a portion of the fund thus set aside, and thereby help them to an education that will prepare them for that position in life to which they are best suited. Within a few years at most, ninety-nine out of every hundred thus selected and thus assisted will earn the money loaned, and will return the same, together with good interest if desired. As this money is returned, use it to help some other deserving young men and women, and thus keep the good work going. A friend of the writer stated to him that in the last few years he has helped many young men and women in this way, and that he has not yet lost a single dollar by reason of the unfaithfulness or failure of any of them. The plan is a good one. Try it. It will pay splendid dividends.

## HOW I TOOK MY WRINKLES OUT

After Massage Creams and Beauty Doctors Had Failed

BY HARRIETT META

Trouble, worry and ill-health brought me deep lines and wrinkles. I realized that they not only greatly marred my appearance and made me look much older, but that they would greatly interfere with my success, because a woman's success, either socially or financially, depends very largely on her appearance. The homely woman, with deep lines and furrows in her face, must fight an unequal battle with her younger and better looking sister.

I, therefore, bought various brands of cold cream and skin foods and massaged my face with most constant regularity, hoping to regain my former appearance. But the wrinkles simply would not go. On the contrary, they seemed to get deeper. Next I went to a beauty specialist, who told me she could easily rid me of my wrinkles. I paid my money and took the treatment. Sometimes I thought they got less, but after spending all the money I could afford for such treatment, I found I still had my wrinkles. So I gave up in despair and concluded I must carry them to my grave. One day a friend of mine who was versed in chemistry made a suggestion and this gave me a new idea. I immediately went to work making experiments and studying everything I could get hold of on this subject. After several long months of almost numberless trials and discouragements, I finally discovered a process which produced most astounding results on my wrinkles in a single night. I was delighted beyond expression. I tried my treatment again, and lo, and behold, my wrinkles were practically gone. A third treatment—three nights in all—and I had no wrinkles and my face was as smooth as ever. I next offered my treatment to some of my immediate friends, who used it with surprising results, and I have now decided to offer it to the public. Miss Gladys Desmond, of Pittsburg, Pa., writes that it made her wrinkles disappear in one night. Mrs. M. W. Graves of Bridgeport, Conn., states: "There is not a wrinkle left; my friends say I look 20 years younger. I consider your treatment a godsend to womankind." Mrs. James Bars, of Central City, S. D., writes: "The change is so great that it seems more a work of magic." I will send further particulars to any one who is interested absolutely free of charge. I use no cream, facial massage, face steamings or so-called skin foods; there is nothing to injure the skin. It is an entirely new discovery of my own and so simple that you can use it without the knowledge of your most intimate friends. You apply the treatment at night and go to bed. In the morning, lo! the wonderful transformation. People often write to me, "It sounds too good to be true." Well, the test will tell. If interested in my discovery, please address Harriett Meta, Suite 169, Syracuse, N. Y., and I will send you full particulars.

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## The Floral Question Box

By Eben E. Rexford

Covering Pansies; Hardy Chrysanthemums; Plants for a Shady Corner.—(Mrs. E. L.) Pansies require very little covering in winter. They smother, if given too much. Evergreen branches, or a few leaves, are quite sufficient. Consult the seedsmen's catalogs and you will find Chrysanthemums described therein that are sufficiently hardy to survive the winter out-of-doors. Try native ferns in the corner that is "so shady that nothing but grass will grow there."

Asparagus Cactus.—(Mrs. J. H. G.) If your asparagus has filled the old pot with roots, turn out the ball of earth, and cut it apart in such a manner as to make several divisions, each having a crown, or growing point. You will find this more satisfactory than putting the old plant into a larger pot. The long, strap-leaf Cactus you have probably belongs to the Phyllocactus branch of the family. Keep the plant quite dry when not growing. Apply a good fertilizer when growth begins. Give plenty of heat and sunshine. Use a soil of clay and sand. I would not advise removing any of the branches that have formed on your "knobby" Cactus, because the more "knobs" there are, the more attractive the plant—to a lover of this class of plants.

Primroses.—(Mrs. E. S. L.) The reason why your Primroses are not doing well is, of course, not known to me, because I know nothing about the care they have received. If these plants are potted in a soil that is rather light and spongy, and are kept moderately moist at the roots, and in a light place, at a temperature of about 75 degrees, they ought to do well, provided they were healthy to begin with. Drainage must be good. The crown of the plant must be so elevated that water never collects about it. Perhaps, from these general directions, you can tell wherein your treatment of the plant has been wrong.

An Old Grapevine.—(Mrs. L.) If the old vine is of a variety worth cultivating, I would advise cutting away most of its branches, and letting it renew itself by the production of new ones, next season. Fertilize the plant well. Fasten it to a post, and arrange for support for the new branches as they develop. Do not allow many to grow, and nip off the ends of them when they have reached a length of six or eight feet.

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# SUCCESS WITH POULTRY

By E. A. SMITH

To make a success of a flock of poultry, we must have as near as possible these conditions:

First—Similarity of Temperament. A Brahma and a Leghorn are as much different in this respect as a Shorthorn and a Jersey, or a Clydesdale and a roadster; one is phlegmatic, the other highly nervous and excitable.

Second—Similarity of Appetite. To get eggs from a hen, she must be just in the proper condition of flesh, neither too fat nor too lean. In either of these states, she is not in business form. The Brahma has a strong tendency to fatten.

The Leghorn is all nerve and will stand heavier feeding. In a mixed flock, some get too much, while some get too little.

Third—Similarity of Age. Adult hens and pullets will never do well together. The one, having her growth completed, needs only food to supply waste tissue and to produce eggs. The other needs enough to supply waste tissue, to produce eggs, and to grow her frame.

Better mark your chickens with a punch, so as to tell their age. Pullets give a very much greater profit as egg-producers than hens. Yearling hens come next. Either do better when separate than when allowed together.

Now, if even pullets and yearling hens do not go well together, how about the average flock on the farm, composed of birds all the way from late fall-hatched up to the patriarchs of the flock, that even a butcher feels a twinge of conscience to call "spring chickens?" Judging by the apparent age of some specimens I have seen, Noah, during the time of the deluge, must have had several first-class incubators in operation. Never, as a rule, keep a hen longer than the second season. Put her on the market in July or August, just before she begins to moult. The market, as a rule, is higher then than later on, and the hen is about through her season's production.

The first two points I have mentioned are only possessed by a flock of thoroughbreds or high-grades. Besides, nearly all admire the beautiful, and what is more pleasing than a flock of poultry as nearly alike as two peas? I doubt if anything is ever gained by one cross, for if we are after any particular line of poultry, our standard-bred varieties are so numerous, one can be found to just suit our needs.

If you feel you can invest in a trio of thoroughbred fowls, or in a couple of settings of eggs, then, after choosing your breed, purchase, say every second year, a thoroughbred male to head your flock. You can mate him to his own pullets, but don't inbreed more than one year; get a new male then. Don't, under any circumstances, use one of the grade males, for the moment you do you deteriorate. Every breeder of thoroughbred fowls has males off in some fancy points, such as color of the eye, etc., that are as good as any for crossing purposes, which he will sell at a very reasonable price.

Then see that these birds are properly housed. The best house is the scratching shed house, built on an elevated spot, with a southern exposure, as near

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# How to Deal With Dahlias

By EBEN E. REXFORD

IT used to be supposed that the dahlia could not be grown successfully at the north, unless it was started into growth very early in the season. Our summers were believed to be too short to bring it to satisfactory development. Tubers were potted in March and April, and started into growth in the living room. The result was, almost invariably, a weak, spindling plant, that lacked the strength necessary to adapt itself to the change of conditions when it was put into the ground at the coming of settled warm weather. Here it would merely exist for weeks before it accumulated strength enough to attempt development, and the natural consequence was that it was late in getting a real start, and late in coming into flower. Generally frost would put an end to it just about the time it was ready to bloom well. This explains why the impression prevails to a great extent that we of the north can do nothing with the dahlia unless we "get the start of the season," and it also explains how we fail to get this "start."

The fact is, the dahlia does not require any such treatment. It is not necessary to start it into growth in the house. If we give it a very rich soil and keep it well supplied with moisture at its roots, it will come forward with surprising rapidity, develop in a short time, and give us flowers for a period of at least six weeks, if we tide it over the danger of the first frosts.

Perhaps I cannot better illustrate my method of treatment than by giving some of my personal experience with this plant. One season I ordered my dahlias from an eastern dealer, but they did not reach me until the last day of May. I put them into the ground on the first day of June. The tubers were all small ones—none larger than one's finger—and their sprouts were just beginning to start. I had prepared the ground for them long before they came to hand, expecting to put them out early in May. The soil had been spaded deeply, and heavily manured. In less than a week after the tubers were set out, most of them sent up shoots, which grew with astonishing rapidity. Early in July the plants began to bud, and at the summer session of the Wisconsin State Horticultural Society, held August 28, I carried off seven prizes for dahlias, and every one of these prizes was a

first-class one. This with flowers from plants put into the ground on the first day of June. Now I had set out these plants not expecting to realize any returns from them in the way of bloom. But my success was so far ahead of anything in my past experience that the following year I carried out the same treatment, and with the same results. Since then, I have grown all my dahlias in this way, and I have had earlier flowers from them, finer flowers, and more of them, than I ever had before. Those whom I have advised to try this method report successes equal to mine, and I therefore feel justified in urging others to adopt this treatment. Summed up briefly it is this:

Make the ground mellow to the depth of a foot and a half.

Make it very rich.

Keep it moist throughout the season.

Do not attempt to start your plants into growth before they are put into the ground. Do not put them out until the soil is warm.

If the above advice is followed, they will begin to grow immediately after planting, they will make a strong, vigorous growth because all conditions are favorable to such a growth, and they will keep going steadily ahead. That is the secret of it—keep them on the move from start to finish, and do this by generous feeding, providing plenty of water, and avoiding the check which results from starting the plants into head growth in the house, and then putting them out before the soil is warm enough for them.

It will be seen that this treatment greatly simplifies matters. There is no little work connected with potting the tubers early in spring and caring for them for several weeks, until it is safe to trust them out of doors. I consider that one of the most important features in this "new departure" in dahlia-growing is that of doing away with the "set-back" which pot-started plants almost invariably get when they are put into the open ground. This, and the debilitating effects which result from starting the plants into growth under conditions not favorable to healthy development. The "new" treatment does away with these features altogether, and gives us strong, sturdy plants that get the right kind of a start and lose no time in "getting down to business."



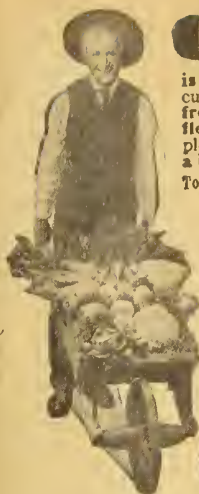
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By Stokely S. Fisher

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Though frailest of flowers, in bloom all the year;  
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Wherever there grows a green thing to cheer.

So little and weak, so carelessly tossed  
In lonely waste places when cold earth is drear;  
Faint star of chickweed defying the frost—

Though frailest of flowers, in bloom all the year.  
Thy humble and homely loveliness lost  
Beneath the glad garlands when June time was here,  
A well in the garden of summer thou wast.  
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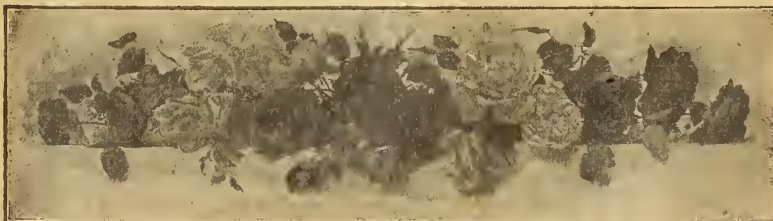
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# How Little Folks Can Save

BY CARABEL LEWIS MUNGER

Dorothy was out in the cornfield with Uncle Almond, and the sky over the hills was a lovely pink, and Dorothy sighed, "Oh, if I had a sash I would want it pink, shiny pink, rosy pink, and I'd have it tied with one loop and two ends, and the wind would blow it and it would flutter and shine, but it costs a dollar, and I couldn't earn a dollar in a thousand years," and then a big tear fell on the little brown hand that lay on Uncle Almond's shoulder.

Uncle Almond was very kind and very wise, and he told Dorothy the old story about the ants and the grasshoppers. It was a fine story as he told it to dear little Dorothy. He told just how the little-ants worked in all kinds of weather, saving every little grain and seed and storing in their pantries and cellars and how they had plenty and were comfortable and happy all winter, and how the grasshoppers sang and danced all summer and died of starvation, homeless and forgotten.

When the story was done Uncle Almond looked lovingly at little Dorothy, "Which will you be, a grasshopper or an ant?" he asked, and Dorothy looked at the pink sky and ran away across the fields home.

The very next day Dorothy's mamma said that every time she found Dorothy's room in perfect order she would put a penny in the little red pocket-book on the dresser, and papa offered 10 cents a week for going after the cows.



So dear Dorothy began the very next day to be an ant. Sometimes she just longed to be a grasshopper, and stay in bed late in the morning, or not get the cows when it rained and there were no birds singing in the maple by the pasture bars. Sometimes she saw some of the idle grasshoppers dancing in the grass and once saw a number of ants with a load of grain scampering home.

Often she peeped into the little purse and thought of the candy mice in the taffy-shop window, but she did not take out one penny.

At last came a wonderful day, and she went with mamma to a great beautiful store, and there were great garlands of ribbon hanging in the window, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet.

And above them all a sash ribbon just the color of a pink cloud, a shiny, pinkey, rosy pink, and Dorothy told the clerk to measure off two and a half yards, and then she took fifty pennies and five ten-cent pieces out of the little red pocket-book and gave them to the clerk, and Dorothy's mamma tied the sash around the little girl's waist, with one loop and two ends, and as she went homeward the wind blew the sash, and fluttered it about, and Dorothy looking over her shoulder caught the pink glow, and saw it shine. Thus had Dorothy learned a valuable lesson in saving.

## Miss Fidgety Fudgety Finn

Little Miss Fidgety Fudgety Finn, Would not stoop over to pick up a pin, Plainly in view in a crack on the floor; Right by the side of the dining-room door. Later for lack of a pin; one pin! She lost her now collar (poor Fidgety Finn). And thought with regret of that pin on the floor, Right by the side of the dining-room door.

So let us remember—You, dear, and I, To look for the blessings which everywhere lie. For we never can tell just what we will need, And so it is wisest, and safest, indeed, To throw away nothing (not even a pin), Lest we meet with the fate of Miss Fidgety Finn. And recall with regret some pin on the floor, Right by the side of our dining-room door.

## Home Recreations

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may be used with historical, literary, Bible, and other characters.

### Whose Picture?

BY CARRIE KNIGHT

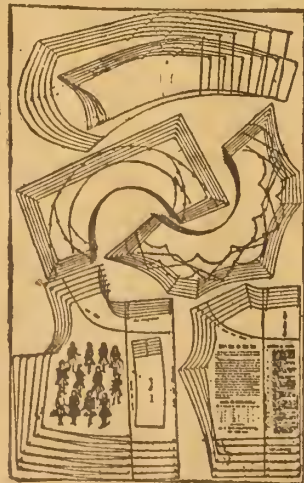
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## Household Welfare

BY ALMA D. HEIL

In late fall and early winter every careful householder prepares his house for winter. Furnaces and stoves are put in proper shape to keep the inside of the house warm and comfortable. Doors and windows are made tight, and may be weather-stripped to exclude the cold.

When this all has been accomplished, the question arises: What must be done to keep the air inside the house pure and wholesome after the fires have been started in the heating apparatus. Unless pure air is admitted to the house, the warm air in the room becomes impure, being vitiated by the carbonic acid gas exhaled from our lungs in the process of breathing.

No sane person will drink water that is not clear as a crystal, if he can help it, because the sense of sight will warn him against doing so. But what sense will warn him against breathing foul air?

Carbonic acid gas, a deadly poison, is colorless and odorless; so that our senses of sight and smell are powerless to protect us against this dangerous enemy, and cold reason must come to the rescue. We must breathe pure air, or else disease will attack us.

Nobody will deny this, and that air becomes impure and dangerous by being breathed over and over again. What can be done, then, to protect us against the ravages of this dangerous enemy, carbonic acid gas? The answer is easy: We must ventilate our houses by a simple law of nature, viz., gravitation.

In a heated room it is easy to observe that the air therein is warmer near the ceiling than on the floor. This is because warm air, being lighter than cold air, rises in conformity to the laws of gravitation. By the same law carbonic acid gas, being heavier than air, will sink to the floor, along with

the cooler air in the room. It is here that we can successfully attack and capture the enemy, and drive him out of the house, by cutting near the floor a hole the size of a brick (two by eight inches) in the chimney.

By the law of gravitation the carbonic acid gas along with the cold air on the floor must make its escape up the chimney. Of course a corresponding hole must be cut in the wash-board, into which a register of the proper size may be inserted to open and close at will; or the hole may be covered with a screen made of tin or wire.

A test of the pressure of the air in the room may be made by covering the hole with a piece of paper. The paper will close up the hole hermetically, so that no air can escape from the room. In starting a fire in a stove it is advisable to close up the hole until the fire is in full blast.

In houses where the chimney does not come down to the floor another simple device may be substituted.

Insert a pipe made of tin, three inches in diameter, into the stovepipe, about four inches above the stove; bring it down with an elbow to the floor, and let it rest there on four little feet an inch wide and an inch high. They may be made by cutting off the bottom of the pipe in such a manner as to leave the four feet. The foul air will escape through the pipe.

The quantity of impure air which escapes in this way from the room will be replaced by fresh air coming into the room from the outside with irrepressible force, even through walls of stone, brick, or wood, by the fixed law of gravitation.

Even the poorest family in the land can enjoy, in this simple way, the incalculable benefits of pure air in their home during the close confinement of the long winter nights.

## Good Breeding and Gentle Manners

BY JOSEPH N. ROLF

Politeness is kindness manifested in an easy and graceful manner. The list of "Nevers" here appended will give some idea of how many little unkindnesses, often unthinkingly committed, may be avoided:

Never address a lady without first removing your hat. It is not only the polite and proper thing to do, but is a fitting tribute of every true man to womanhood.

Never interrupt the conversation of others without prefacing what you have to say by, "Please excuse the interruption," or "Pardon me, but," etc.

Never speak loudly in the room where others are in conversation. A gentleman is always known by the softly modulated tone in which he speaks.

Never, at the table, eat with your knife. It not only does not look well, but is not a safe means of transportation from plate to palate.

Never chew your food with your lips parted. The process of mastication is not an edifying sight for your neighbor, nor is it so well accomplished as

when the lips are closed over the teeth. Never talk at the table with food in your mouth. If you must talk, let it be between mouthfuls.

Never discuss the food set before you except in complimentary terms: to do so not only makes others uncomfortable, but detracts from your own enjoyment of the meal.

Never leave the table without first carefully folding your napkin.

Never whisper in church. A single hour on Sabbath is short enough time in which to listen with attention to the words of gospel truth.

### To Be Accomplished

A young lady may perform on the piano with delicate touch, with expression, with power; may embroider beautifully; may paint exquisitely, and so on to the end of the chapter entitled "Artistic;" yet if she be unable to bake a fine loaf of bread, prepare a good, palatable pudding, make ready an appetizing meal, and do her own sewing, she is not truly accomplished.

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Fig. 1965

## New Designs for Household Embroideries

This is the season when careful housekeepers begin to prepare for the annual refurbishing of their interior decorations. No matter if one has a number of pretty centerpieces, there is always a desire to have one that friends have not seen time and again, something new for Easter-time, at least.

Unless you have tried this change in the little home decorations, you will hardly appreciate the feeling of freshness that pervades a room where a new cushion or table cover or a new drape has been added to the furnishings.

A careful selection of several new ideas for the embroiderer has been made for the department this month. Articles have been selected that are used in every home, and care has been exercised to select designs entailing the least possible amount of work.

## Centerpieces for the Dining Table

In making up a centerpiece, be sure, first, that the linen used is of a good quality and all linen, not a mixture of cotton and linen. Next select a color scheme that will be pleasing to you, individually, and one that will harmonize with the other furnishings of the room.

Figure 1965 shows a design for that most effective, as well as most quickly wrought, of all forms of needlework, namely, the Wallachian. The colors may be white, green, pink, blue, or a pleasing combination of two or more colors.

Figure 1983 illustrates a centerpiece designed for a combination of Wallachian embroidery and coronation cord. The scroll lines in the design are covered with the cord. The Wallachian circles in this design are a most decorative feature, and they should be embroidered very carefully.

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Fig. 2885



No. 1425



Fig. 41



Fig. 44

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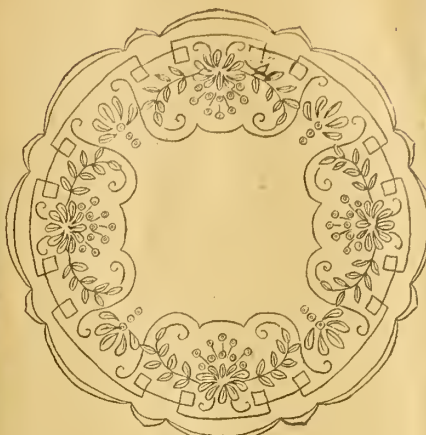


Fig. 1983

## Library Table Cover

Figure 2885 illustrates one of the latest idea for a cover for the sitting-room or library table. The material on which the design is tinted is a good weight, natural colored linen. The design is Wallachian, and the colors of the tinting red and blue. Oriental shades of the red and blue are used, however, and the color scheme is subdued and rich. Embroider all the red figures in the design with Grecian floss.

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Figure 44, same as Figure 41.

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BY ALICE MAYNARD BORDEAU

### ORANGE PIE.

Pour two cups of boiling water over one-third cup of cornstarch dissolved in as little water as possible. Cook until clear, add one-third cup of orange juice, one cup of sugar, the yellow portion of the rind of one orange, and set aside to cool. Beat four eggs, keeping the whites of two for meringue; add to the warm orange mixture, and pour into the crust.

### ORANGE SOUFFLEE.

Peel and slice four large oranges or six small ones. Arrange the slices in a glass dish, and sprinkle evenly with pulverized sugar. Over this pour a dainty custard. Beat the whites of two eggs to a stiff froth, and add four tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar. Spread this meringue over the custard. Place bits of currant or quince jelly on the meringue. This makes a very artistic dish.

### ICED ORANGES.

Peel and divide the oranges into segments, removing carefully the white skin. Dip the fruit into the beaten whites of eggs and then into pulverized sugar, repeating the process several times.

### ORANGE ICE.

Boil two cups of water and one cup of sugar. Grate the yellow portion of the rind of two oranges, add to the syrup, and boil a few moments. Add the juice of six oranges to the cool syrup, strain, and freeze.

### ORANGE SAUCE.

Select two sour, well flavored oranges, wash and wipe well. Scrape lightly with a fork, to break up the oil cells. Rub one-half cup of sugar

over the oranges until the sugar is well flavored. Heat one cup of water, and when boiling, add one-half tablespoonful of cornstarch. When the starch is cooled, add one-half cup of orange juice, and sweeten to taste with the flavored sugar. Serve hot on cereals, or steamed or baked pudding.

### A PINCH OF SALT.

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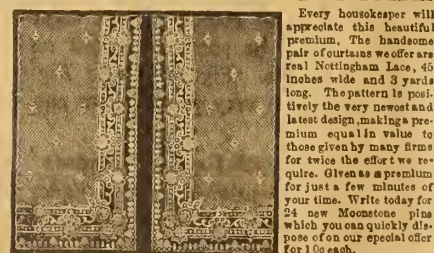
### LEMON SNAPS.

Cream two and a half pounds of sugar with a pound of butter, add eight beaten eggs, three pounds of flour in which has been sifted two ounces of cream of tartar and one of soda, and add some lemon extract. Bake in a moderate oven.

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By Mrs. M. D. McKee

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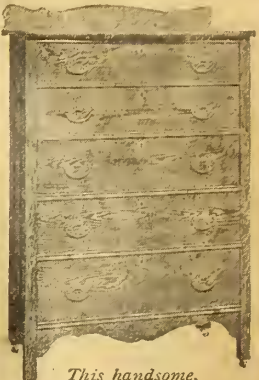
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By THE EDITOR

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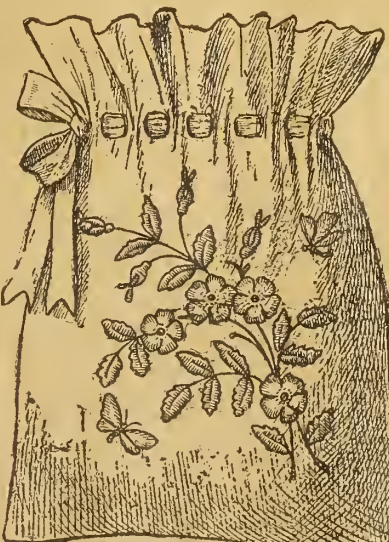
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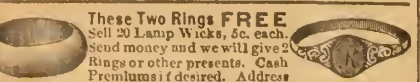
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### To Save Greasing the Griddle

Beat two or three tablespoonfuls of melted butter well through the batter for griddle cakes and you will not need to grease the griddle in cooking them. MRS. T.

### Saving Burnt Milk

Don't throw away burnt milk—in- stead put in a clean jug and stand in cold water. By the time the milk is cold the scorched taste will have entirely gone. J. McG.

### Saving the Stockings

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### To Keep Butter from Spoiling

Invert a large flower pot, or any jar of unglazed earthenware over the dish which contains the butter and wrap the jar with a wet cloth. It will keep cool and hard in very warm weather. J. M. K.

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### Saving the Carpets

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### To Save Stove Pipes

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## The Second Conservation Conference

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Mr. Taft also spoke of the part Mr. Pinchot has taken in this movement. He said: "I would like to confirm what Governor Chamberlain has said as to the debt the public owes Mr. Pinchot. President Roosevelt and Mr. Pinchot have brought about an unprecedented condition of affairs. They have gone into the states and brought the Governors here, and by so doing have centered the public interest in this work to an extent which, I think, could have been achieved in no other way."

Representative Joseph E. Ransdell, president of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, suggested that every man at the convention should constitute himself into a committee of one to confer with his Senators and Representatives, and when he returned home, induce friends to do likewise, declaring that the pressure of public opinion would become irresistible, and that before the close of this session there would be at least a good start toward securing the desired legislation. He strongly urged the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$50,000,000 a year for furthering the development of our natural waterways.

The Daughters of the American Revolution, at a special meeting held in Washington, put themselves on record as favoring President Roosevelt's policy of conserving the national resources, and voted to urge their chapter regents throughout the country to aid in the campaign of education which they will wage, and a meeting to plan for future work was held in Washington on December 10th.

## The Life Story of a Snowflake

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We soon reached the sea again. I was sure it was not the same body of water of which I had been a part before, because it was so much colder; and, too, the people whom I saw out in boats, or on land when I came near shore, looked so different.

One day a wave dashed me against something so cold that I froze stiff, and soon some more drops of water were thrown up in the same way. They froze over me until I was buried so deep in this block of solid ice that I could not see out. I have no idea how long I stayed there.

Finally, I heard a crash, and felt the mass of ice of which I was a part going down. I was sure that we had broken loose from somewhere. Soon we began to rise and float away; for now I was part of a floating iceberg. I could hear the waves dashing around me, and it was not long before I began to feel warmer. Soon I found myself trickling down the side of the iceberg into the sea once more. I can tell you I was glad to be there; but my stay was not a long one. Soon a warm wind blew over the sea and bore me away with it. I floated and drifted for many days; then I began to be cold again, and, with my companions, fell to the earth as a snowflake, and lighted here on your window-sill.

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## Winning His Legacy

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she had said, when told the conditions of the will, "but I will not be thrown in. I claim the liberty to choose for myself."

Time passed until the beautiful shades of autumn were speedily appearing, and one day, while entertaining some lady friends, Mr. Blair was seen passing the house.

"Isn't that Elmer Perkins?" one of the ladies asked carelessly.

"I think it is," her companion replied, "although I have not seen him since his return," and then added, turning to Julia, "I suppose that is no go between you two, even if you do lose all your old guardian's money."

Julia had turned from pink to white, and pink again, the color now dying her neck and brow. Mr. Blair had deceived her and was trying to win her in this underhanded manner that he might secure his uncle's vast estate.

"I have found him out," she mused quietly, and after her guests' departure thought long and earnestly over this problem which had come into her life. But in the midst of her soliloquy Mr. Blair himself was announced, and she descended to meet him in a troubled mood.

"It will not be convenient for me to go out this evening," she replied to his invitation to attend the opera. "I am going away soon, and shall have much to attend to before I leave."

"I am sorry to hear you are going away; I trust it is not so far but that your friends will be able to find you," he added in a serious tone. Then, crossing to her side, he seated himself, saying:

"Will you not leave your address and write to me sometimes?"

Julia hesitated for a moment. She could never be happy without this kind friend. That she knew. Yet he had deceived her so shamefully. But before she could decide what to reply he was telling of his love for her and how he had admired her from the first moment of their acquaintance.

"If you will accept my love, you will be all the world to me, for I have seen no other girl that I could ever care to win."

"I must tell you of my life," Julia said, as she drew her hands from his tight clasp. "When but fifteen years of age my parents died, leaving me in the care of an elderly gentleman, a friend of my father's. Six months ago he, too, was taken from me, and by his will I am to marry his nephew, a Mr. Elmer Perkins, if I wish to share in my guardian's estate."

"And so you are to marry Elmer Perkins?"

"I have never met the gentleman; but do you not think I should abide by my guardian's wishes?"

"Suppose you do not admire Mr. Perkins on gaining his acquaintance?"

"Then I shall not marry him. But his uncle spoke well of him; and, loving me as he did, he would not wish me to be unhappy."

"I will not give you up. As for the money, I can do as well for you as this Elmer Perkins; and surely you would prefer to be the wife of a man you know."



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Julia had been reading her companion's thoughts in the last few moments, and was touched by the humorous side of the affair. "He is pleading for himself, and against himself, and it is now my turn," she thought. So, with a very demure expression, she replied:

"I cannot go against my guardian's last requests, and maybe I shall like his nephew. His acquaintances all speak well of him. Perhaps he is an acquaintance of yours," she added.

"Yes—I know him," he answered reluctantly.

"Isn't he a good man?"

"Why—yes—it is his intention to do right. But you have never met him, you say. So why cannot you care for me, Julia?"

"Because my guardian did not request that I should marry you."

"But—he would just as soon you would—or, I mean—he would wish you to marry a man you liked."

Julia smiled.

"I shall write my guardian's lawyer that I will abide by the will and marry Mr. Perkins." But Elmer had seen the roguish smile, and, taking her in his arms, exclaimed:

"Julia, you know who I am."

"Yes, and you are a big coward."

"That may be true," he admitted, "but I could not have won your friendship as Elmer Perkins."

"No—it was much better to nearly run over me first, and then tell a big lie."

"But I told no lie. My name is Elmer Blair Perkins."

"That is the truth with its edges clipped."

Elmer laughed heartily, saying:

"I am satisfied that you abide by the will."

"And I am convinced," she returned, while her dark eyes brightened with love, "that my guardian knew just what would make my life's happiness complete."

## Pulpit Talks

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## MARCH OF THE WHITE GUARD

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The cups were passed round. The sub-factor measured out a very small portion to each. They were not men of uncommon sentiment; their lives were rigid and isolated and severe. Fireside comforts under fortunate conditions they saw but seldom, and they were not given to expressing their feelings demonstratively. But each man then, save Cloud-in-the-Sky, had some memory worth a resurrection, and hearts are hearts even under all uncouthness. Jaspar Hume raised his cup, the rest followed his example. "To absent friends and the day when we see them again!" he said; and they all drank. Gaspé Toujours solemnly, as if no one were near, made the sign of the cross; for his memory was with a dark-eyed, soft-cheeked peasant girl of the parish of Saint Gabrielle, whom he had left behind five years before, and had never seen since. Word had come from the parish priest that she was dying, and though he wrote back in his homely patois of his grief, and begged that the good father would write again, no word had ever come, and he thought of her now as one for whom the candles had been lighted and masses had been said.

But Jeff Hyde's eyes were bright, and suffering as he was, the heart in him was brave and hopeful. He was thinking of a glorious Christmas day upon the Madawaska river three years ago; of Adam Henry, the blind fiddler; of bright, warm-hearted Pattie Chown, the belle of the ball, and the long drive home in the frosty night.

Late Carscallen was thinking of a brother whom he had heard preach his first sermon in Edinburgh ten years before, and Late Carscallen, slow of speech and thought, had been full of pride and love of that brilliant brother. But they, in the natural course of things, drifted apart; the slow and uncouth one to make his home at last not far from the Arctic Circle, and to be this night on his way to the Barren Grounds. But as he stood with the cup to his lips, he recalled the words of a newspaper paragraph of a few months before. It made reference to the fact that "the Rev. James Carscallen, D. D., preached before her majesty on Whitsunday, and had the honor of luncheon with her majesty afterward." And Late Carscallen rubbed his left hand joyously against his blanketed leg and drank.

Cloud-in-the-Sky's thoughts were with the present, and his "Ugh" of approval was one of the senses purely. Instead of drinking to absent friends, he looked at the sub-factor and said, "How!" He drank to the sub-factor.

And Jaspar Hume, the sub-factor, what were his thoughts?

His was a memory of childhood; of a house beside a swift-flowing river, where a gentle widowed mother braced her heart against misfortune and denied herself and slaved that her son might be educated. He had said to her that some day he would be a great man, and she would be paid back a hundred-fold. And he worked hard at school, very hard. But one cold day of spring a message came to the school, and he sped homeward to the house beside the dark river.

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# Conservation of Life, Limb and Health

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(Continued from page twenty-four.) much of our wealth, what do we find? The numerous mine horrors that baffle description would be utterly appalling were they not of such frequent occurrence as to become all but commonplace. Millions read the startling headlines in the papers, make a remark, "Isn't that awful," attend to business, and soon forget all about it, never thinking what their individual responsibility may be in the matter, and what they should do as citizens to prevent the repetition of such catastrophes. Mr. John Mitchell, for years president of the United Mine Workers, estimates that over 11,000 men are killed and injured in American mines every year. Evidently better laws should be enacted regarding mining operations, and those we now have more efficiently enforced.

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## Eclipse of the Thorntons

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Mary, do you want that professor-man here? I think he's horrid!"

"Nothin' to me," Mary chopped away vigorously. "Might as well cook for seven as six—I don't care. How old is he? Oh, thirty-odd, maybe. What do I know how old he is, only by the looks of him."

Madge drew a long breath of relief. "Well, anyway, he isn't the Fairy Prince. He's ages too old. I'm glad of it, for now I needn't bother about him. Berries are done, Mary—What'll I do next?"

Professor Prince proved so agreeable, however, that Madge soon lost her antipathy. Two weeks ran into three, and no one was in a hurry to have him go; but his work was done finally, and Miss Prince and he were gone, leaving as Charley said, "a great big hole" in the family. The weather began to be very warm, and the little house seemed close and stifling, while the narrow yard was a furnace. Fortune had smiled on Bob, to whom a chance had come, through a classmate, to tutor two small boys through the summer, on their father's yacht, with most liberal terms. And when he was off the rest of the household gleefully betook themselves to Grandmother Thornton's farm in the real country for two weeks. Nan had not known how great the strain and responsibility had been until Grandmother Thornton took it upon her own capable shoulders

and petted Nan almost as he did Jacky. Madge and Charley ran wild from morning to night, and grew brown as berries, and as merry as larks in the free country air.

Nan's only bugbear was the river which ran just below the meadows. Madge and Charley had learned to swim immediately, under old Luke's charge; but again and again did Nan impress it upon Jack that he was never to go anywhere near the river unless Luke were with him.

"If you should fall in, darling," she began one day, holding him tightly. "I—"

"Old Luke would come along," interrupted Jack cheerfully, "and say, 'Why, here's little Jackey—all drowned!'" beaming happily over the prospect.

Nan's fears, however, were groundless. Luke declared that boys took to swimming "as nat'rally as tadpoles," and soon made a veritable little water baby of the child, while all the household kept a watchful eye upon him, lest he should come to harm.

It was a delightful visit. The Colorado letters were full of cheer. At Christmas the travelers would return, and Grandmother Thornton had a charming scheme for having them all at the farm through the holidays. Indeed, to Nan, the scheme went further.

"The Harrison-street house will not

hold you all," she said. "Now why shouldn't you come here to live? The farm will be your father's some day, and I am growing old, and want my son's family with me. I dread your father's going back into business and the city life, and I should be glad to hand over the reins into his hands here. Bob's scholarship provides for him, and there are good schools in the village for Charley and Madge, and I suppose they will go away for awhile by and by, just as you and Bob did. Your mother will be content anywhere your father and you children are; but you, Nan—could you be content in such a quiet place, I wonder?"

"I should love it," said Nan promptly. "The city is for occasions—Emerson says that, grandma. I've so many friends there, I could go sometimes when there was anything worth while, you know. When I left school I wanted society, and dress, and all that, like the other girls, but I've learned this year that there are better things than those. After all it is the little things that count, isn't it, grandma? And if we are only all well and together, it's enough."

"Little things

On the golden wings,

Bear little souls to Heaven," quoted Grandmother Thornton softly, smiling at Nan's earnest face. "Then we will write to your father and mother at once."

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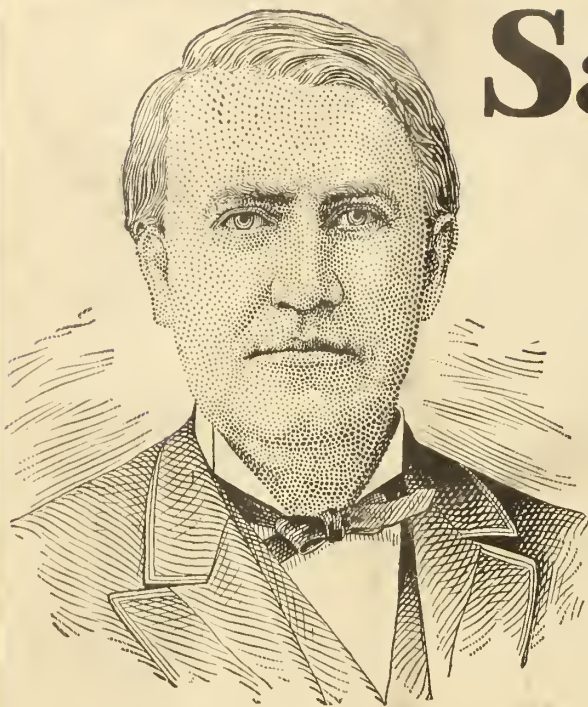
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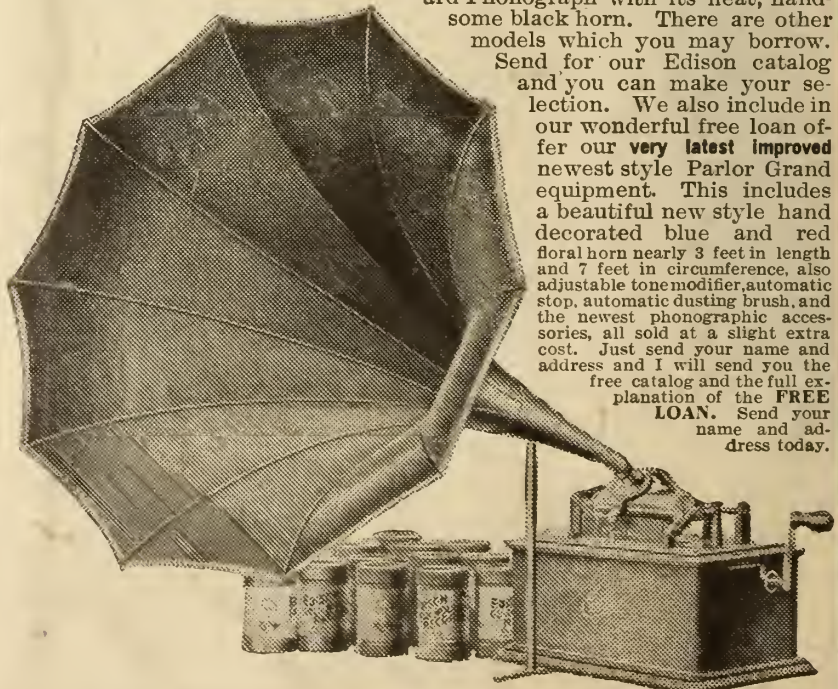
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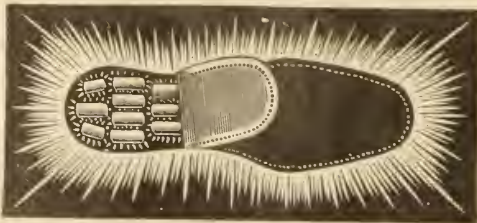
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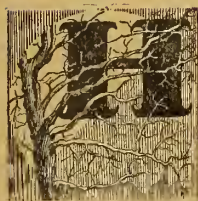
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## THE PRINCESS PORCELAIN

BY CLARA MORRIS



HE HAD always been interested in the frail little thing. They were in the same row—the outer one—of the same oval bed that was crowded with fellow-pansies, and he was quick to notice that by the gardener's carelessness the space between himself and his left-hand neighbor was wider than it should have been, a fact that annoyed him even then, and later became a source of real distress in his otherwise quiet life.

This little left-hand neighbor seemed to attract by her very weakness and slowness of growth. He, himself, came of a Dutch strain and showed it in his sturdy growth of stem and the body of velvet of his blossom. King of the Blacks, he was called, and really he deserved his name, though one tensely "dark purple fellow" who had been called "Black" the summer before remarked, somewhat maliciously, that "the title of the King of the Blacks would never pay him for going through life with a pinhead orange dot for an eye."

The king used sometimes to fear the little maid at his side would never reach maturity. If the sun were very strong she shrank beneath the heat. If the rain fell she would sometimes lie prostrate, and those were the times when the distance between them distressed him, for, as he often told her, he could and would have supported her, and at least partly sheltered her with his broader leaves, but as it was he could only help her with his advice. And when she at last formed her flower buds and a shower was imminent, he would warn her to turn those delicate buds downward that the water might run off and so save the tenderly folded petals within from watery ruin.

Up to that time his feeling for her had been simply the tender affection one is apt to feel for the creature we help or protect, and he had often looked back with a bold, admiring, orange eye at the smiling little mottled, banded pansies, who had not hesitated one moment to nod at him—for they are generally a coquettish tribe.

But one warm, still May morning, all this was changed for the King of the Blacks, for there stood his slow-growing, frail neighbor holding up to his startled gaze the sweetest, tenderest, truest little face in all pansydom. She was not brilliant nor velvet-blotted, nor yet banded—just a lovely porcelain blue of a perfectly even tint, without markings of any kind, the pure color deepening into a violet eye with that speck of gold in the center, which, in a pansy, answers to the pupil of a human eye.

Looking upon this innocent beauty the King of the Blacks was suddenly shaken by a great passion of love and longing. He realized in that moment that she held all the sweetness of life for him. For one moment he enjoyed the unalloyed bliss of his discovery; the next, alas! brought to his knowledge some of the tortures that invariably accompany true love. Was he, then, jealous? Of course! Who could see that small, fierce, orange eye of his and doubt his jealousy?—and goodness knows he had cause enough, but through no fault of the little



Porcelain Blue's, mind you! She adored him; was aquiver with love from the edge of her topmost petal to the tip of her threadlike roots.

But think of the maddening space between them! Do what they would, they could not bridge it over. They looked and longed, and longed and looked, but only their sighs sweetly mingled. They knew neither embrace nor kiss.

The King of the Blacks was a sturdy fellow, and jealousy and disappointment made his temper prickly, and sometimes he wished many things of an unpleasant nature upon the gardener, whose carelessness had caused so much suffering. Often he cried out for a pest of mealy bugs, slugs, or snails to come upon his garden. Once he went so far as to wish moles to follow his footsteps beneath the lawn, but seeing how he had frightened Porcelain Blue, he took that back, like the Dutch gentleman he really was.

But it was hard to see all the winged marauders buzzing about his gentle little sweetheart, offering her the tattered compliments they had offered to each floral feminine they had met that day. To see a great "bumble-bee" go blundering so heavily against her as to nearly knock her down! But oh! worst of all, to see that butterfly—that royally striped, banded, powdered, idiotic flirt masculine—to see him impudently clinging to shy little Porcelain Blue's shoulder, while he stole the precious nectar from the sweet flower lips that cried vainly for the King to drive them away.

No wonder he grew ill-tempered. He was so helpless. All he could do was to urge Porcelain Blue to call up her power of growing, and then to direct that growth towards him, while he cheered her up by calling her attention to the long arm he was forcing toward her, knowing well that the lady mistress of them all would much prefer his black, velvety blossoms to such a growth of leaf and stem. Then, too, the King of the Blacks had much to

endure from those about him. He had never concealed either his love nor his distress, and there was much merriment at his expense among the flowers of his own bed and the insects that daily visited them.

One perfect morning, when all the world seemed made for love, the King of the Blacks felt his heart was breaking, little Porcelain Blue drooped and hung her head so sadly, while all the others were fairly asway with laughter. Just then, warm and sweet and strong the West Wind came blowing. The romping, teasing, rosy West Wind! Many a time had he chucked the little one under her chin and set her petals into a wild, blue flutter, and now he paused a moment, disturbed at this sadness. Sadness in the path of the West Wind? Oh, no! He would not tolerate that, so back he drew apace, gathered himself together, and then made a laughing rush upon the lovers, flinging with tender force young Porcelain Blue full into the eager and clinging arms of the King of the Blacks, then bumping their pretty faces together, he, rustling, fluttering and waving, went on his merry way, leaving them to learn in peace the sweetness of the flower kiss. Porcelain Blue was so entangled in the arms of the King that she remained there, and if he found his heaven in her sweet face, she found hers in his gentle strength, and so happily they lived their little space and knew nothing but joy.

One early day the following year the mistress stood looking down with puzzled eyes at a stranger in her great bed of saucy, wide-eyed beauties, in all their satiny, velvety gorgeousness. She knew them all by name. They were "King this" and "Queen that," and "Warrior so-and-so," and "French-stained," and "German-blotted," and somebody's "Royal Collection." But where did this stranger come from, here in the outer row of the big oval bed?

Down on his knees the gardener expatiated on the perfection of form and the firmness of texture to be found in this beautiful nameless blossom that was upheld so firmly by its sturdy stem.

"Pure Porcelain Blue, with markings that give it almost a human smile!" murmured the lady. "The markings of blackest velvet and that great red-orange eye! Where have I seen that peculiar eye, and where that pure, even tint of blue? Why—!" and at the same time the gardener struck his earth-stained hands together, exclaiming, "The King of the Blacks, ma'am."

While his mistress cried "Porcelain Blue!" and the gardener finished, "It's the hoffspring of them two plants, ma'am; has sure has you are halive, and she 'as no name, poor thing."

"Oh, yes, she has," smiled his mistress. "She is of royal parentage, and beautiful, and she is called the Princess Porcelain." And to herself she whispered, "Ah, love never dies! That is amply proved by the existence here of Princess Porcelain."

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# TWENTY YEARS AN OUTLAW

BY PAT CROWE



from him since that summer day so many years ago. But the strange prophecy and the tragic manner in which it has already been partially fulfilled is the story that I am going to tell. I shall tell it truthfully, without narrowness, personal bias or any attempt to justify the wicked life I have lived. God knows I am heartsick and ashamed of it all. By showing plainly the horror, the misery, the wretchedness of such a life, I sincerely hope that the recital of this sad truth-tale may serve to deter hundreds and thousands of young men from ever taking even the slightest downward step toward a baleful career such as that which has evidently wasted and embittered so many years of my life.

At my birth my mother became blind. This continued for forty days. Several able physicians were called, all of whom pronounced her recovery impossible, and that, in any event, she would never regain her sight. As a last resort the father sent for Rev. Father Cosgrove, then a young priest, who later became Bishop of Davenport, Iowa, and died only about two years since. The father turned from the doctors of medicine to a doctor of divinity and implored him, "For God's sake, save my wife, the mother of my children." The priest replied: "You should not ask that of me. If it is the will of God that she die, she must go." Nevertheless, he entered the sick chamber where lay the suffering mother and little babe of a few weeks, and in that holy place he lifted up his soul in a most fervent and earnest petition to the Almighty that the life of this saintly woman might be spared; that her sight might be restored and she given back again to her loved ones. After he had wrestled with God in prevailing prayer for two hours, suddenly perfect sight returned to the enfeebled mother. Consciousness came back; her eyes opened and she beheld and fully recognized her beloved pastor, whose prayer, as she devoutly believed, had been so wondrously answered. People still living at and near Davenport, notably my godfather, Mr. John Kelly, and godmother, Mrs. Patrick Dempsey, would cheerfully vouch for the truth of the statement here made.

Later, when the infant became a little boy, often would the fond mother tell and retell to the lad the fascinating story of her blindness and wonderful healing. The frequent recital of this incident made a most profound impression upon my mind. Since then I have ever felt an abiding horror of blindness. There also was born within me, as a result of this event, belief in an overruling Providence—a faith that never wholly left me during all the twenty years

of my reckless life as an outlaw and bandit. The horror of blindness thus indelibly imprinted upon my mind at my mother's knee was later the one thing that prompted me, when spurred on by the demon lust for gold, to threaten the burning out of Eddie Cudahy's eyes with acid as a sure means of extorting money from his millionaire father. This awful crime of wicked torture I never could have done—I never would have done. But one thing I knew, that appalling threat would bring the money—\$25,000? Yes. \$50,000? Yes. \$100,000? Yes. A million? Yes. And still more millions? Yes—from any father, from any mother who had it to give. Marvelous the power of a human thought! Truly thoughts are things wonderfully potent for good or ill. This childhood horror of blindness, together with a greed for gold, suggested to my mind the committing of the most deplorable crime in my long, weary years as an outlaw, and resulted in the most stupendous manhunt of the century. It also occasioned the complete revolutionizing of the criminal law of this and other nations on the subject of kidnapping. Thus has the peddler's mysterious prophecy been fulfilled. Thus has the misguided life of the onetime cradled infant marked an epoch in human history. If power divine could miraculously remove the blight of blindness from that dear mother's eyes, may not now the same divine power nearly forty years later mercifully take away the vastly worse blight of spiritual blindness from the eyes of her son, so that he can exclaim with one of old: "Whereas I was blind, now I see?" In view of the dawning in that son's life of the "true light," is it immodest in him to hope that the remaining years of his life may be so illumined thereby that the other and better part of the peddler's prophecy may have fulfillment, at least in part?

My first experience as a fugitive occurred when I was but nine years of age. It happened in the early autumn. One day while my parents had gone to Davenport to do some marketing I conceived the idea that I should be able to fly, just like the other crows. Like the famous Darius Green, I reasoned to my own satisfaction: "Birds can fly, and why can't I?" Accordingly I secured two white linen sheets, imported from Ireland, from the wardrobe, and with some laths which I nailed together and upon which I had fastened the sheets, I constructed a pair of wings, which I fastened on to my arms, as I stood upon the very top of the large red barn. When all was complete I called down to my brother, telling him that I would fly over and light on the corn crib, some fifty feet or more away, adding that if everything worked all right I would fly to a hill up the road more than a half mile from our home. After some little hesitation, during which time I measured the distance between the barn where I stood and the corn crib, I took the flight—or, rather, attempted it. But, lo and behold! I simply tumbled off the top of the barn and, fortunately for me, fell into a hog wallow several feet deep. The terror, grunts and racing away of the hogs can be better imagined than described. My brother, believing me killed, ran screaming to the house. Telling my older sisters of my plight, they hastened to the mud-pond and soon fished me out. After washing me and changing my clothes and looking over the sheets that were torn and bespattered with mud, they also went into the prophesying business. They were quite sure I had already made my mark, and freely prophesied that I would get a "good lickin'" when the folks got home from town. To tell the truth, I was quite inclined to agree with them.

As the shades of evening began to gather, my childish heart seemed to grow heavy. The disappointment at my failure to fly, coupled with the promised whipping, so affected me that I decided to hide myself. So, in company with our shepherd dog, I left the home and started across the fields. Coming to a haystack in the center of some meadow-

**T** WAS a hot summer day in July; the sun's rays beat down with relentless fierceness upon the brow of a wandering Hebrew, who would have been taken for a peddler, as he journeyed along the country road leading to the birthplace of Pat Crowe, around which spot

is woven, perhaps, in some respects, one of the most wonderful stories of the century. The stranger entered the short lane leading to the house, passed the beds of moss and roses that ornamented the doorway and finally reached the front porch. He bade the time of day to a middle-aged woman who sat in an old-fashioned arm chair knitting, while with one foot she rocked a cradle to and fro.

Unfastening the apparently heavy pack from his back, he laid it upon the porch; then sitting down beside his burden he wiped the perspiration from his wrinkled brow and asked the lady for a drink of fresh water. At once a little girl appeared in the doorway and handed him a large tin dipper, which she had filled with cool water from the well. The mysterious stranger seemed greatly to relish the refreshing draught.

After resting a few moments in silence, he arose and, while fastening the pack on his back, his eyes seemed riveted upon the infant. Turning and pointing at the cradle with his weather-beaten brown hand, he made the prophecy that the boy therein would mark an epoch in human history. This incident occurred in July, 1869—forty years ago—and what of this strange prophet and his mysterious prophecy? Of the former I know nothing, save that he at once disappeared and nothing has been heard



land, I crawled upon it and lay down to rest after my day of exciting experiences. I soon fell asleep. It had been our habit to meet our parents on a hill a half mile from the house, that we might the sooner share in the candies and toys which they would bring from the city.

This night, I failed to appear at the accustomed place with the other children. My absence soon began to worry my mother, who caused a search of the barn and outbuildings to be made. Finding no trace of me, a general search was begun—the farmhands and my older brothers mounting horses and riding for miles around, inquiring among the neighbors—yet no trace of me was discovered, although the search continued until far past midnight. Then all the household retired save my mother, who sat during the night on the front porch of our old homestead, waiting, watching, and praying for some trace of her boy. Her long night's vigil was rewarded as the gray dawn crept slowly over the somber hill-tops and heaven's starry dome began to lose, one by one, its bright lanterns of the night. She heard the howling of timber wolves across the meadow, and noticed also that our shepherd dog was missing. Hastening to my father's room, she aroused him, telling him of her fears that the wolves were devouring me over in the meadow. Hastily donning his clothing, he ran to the front yard and whistled for the dog. The bark of the dog answered back before the echo of that shrill whistle had died away on the still morning air. With feelings better imagined than described, my father heard, also in the direction of the meadow, the coarse howl of a pack of hungry wolves, which surrounded the haystack where I slept, and where I was soon discovered by my father, who had hurried across the field and found the faithful shepherd dog standing guard over

me. I was taken home, and, after a warm breakfast, put to bed.

The whipping that my sisters had prophesied would be given me was never even mentioned by my mother, so happy was she at my safe return. Although I was but a mere child, I well remember the triumphant smile on my father's face as he led me home by the hand. He surely felt as proud and more happy than did the mighty Cæsar as he led an army of captives through the streets of Rome.

Ah! how many weak and misguided sons wander away from the Father's house, all unaware of the evil spirits that come, as if by magic, out of the dark under-world, like a pack of hungry wolves ready to destroy all that is innocent, pure, and holy within them! Twenty years of my life have passed, mingling with the undertow, but never has my mother's loving vigil on that perilous night in my childhood been forgotten. There is but one love that is greater than mother's love, and that is the love which Christ bears for us all—that love which sent Him to this world to seek and to save the lost; that love which reaches out for all humankind. How gladly would He lead us home if we would but answer His call. Each of us, like the faithful shepherd dog, should act as our brother's keeper and shield him from the many temptations and dangers which beset the pathway of every pilgrim on his journey through life.

Thus it will be seen that even in my childhood the protecting watch-care of a Higher Power was especially thrown about me. This I feel bound to acknowledge. In my after life, during twenty years of misery and crime, this constant and peculiar watch-care was so apparent and manifest that many people were fully convinced that I bore a charmed life. However this may be, I am certain that a kind

Providence has always watched over and protected me, for amid all the varied circumstances of my checkered career, that Providence has restrained me from ever taking the life of my fellowman, and has likewise preserved my own life in many desperate combats. Terrible as have been the deeds of my life, the crime of murder can never be charged to my account. But I fully believe that if I had been guilty of this dark sin, even, the blood of Calvary could have cleansed its stain away. Hence, if any poor sinner who may have taken another's life reads these lines, let him look up and take courage, for God is ever ready and willing to forgive—even such as he.

The better to illustrate the peculiar care which I fully believe God has ever had for me, I will here relate one of many incidents in my life from which it is entirely evident that His protecting care for me was shown in a most miraculous manner. This was the last great gun fight of my criminal career, and was known as the Battle of Hickory Street. It occurred at Omaha, Nebraska, September 6, 1905, a few weeks prior to my voluntary surrender to the officials at Butte, Montana. This desperate encounter with the Omaha police is but one of many similar thrilling conflicts with detectives and sheriffs' posses, in which I escaped what seemed almost certain death. How I did escape has ever remained a mystery to me.

Two weeks before my surrender in Butte, Montana, I arrived in Omaha, Nebraska, for the purpose of giving myself up to the authorities. I entered the city under the cover of darkness and remained in the home of a friend for several days, during which time I was making arrangements to surrender and furnish a bond for my appearance in court at

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## ECLIPSE OF THE THORNTONS

By RUTH HAYS

[SYNOPSIS.—The physician of a well-to-do city family decrees that the father must go to Colorado for his health, and that the wife and mother must accompany him. As a result, the children move out of the palatial family home and have to seek less pretentious quarters in an undesirable part of the city. A teacher, Miss Prince, boards with the young people and proves a great help to them in the planning of their home life and in devising ways and means for increasing the income of the household. Nan, the oldest sister, plans to do mending as a means of earning money, and each of the older children bravely does his part to help out. Good news comes from Colorado. Christmas, with its joys, was followed with a long, dreary winter, two of the children being sick with the measles. The early spring news from Colorado, too, was somewhat disquieting. Miss Prince is visited by her brother, who becomes the center of interest and proves a prime favorite with all members of the family, a marked friendship growing up between him and Nan. The children enjoy the following summer at Grandma Thornton's in the country. Mr. and Mrs. Thornton plan to return from Colorado for Christmas, he being much improved in health, and it is arranged that the entire family thereafter make their home on the farm with Mr. Thornton's mother.]

### PART V. (Concluded).

"It's a quiet little place," she wrote, "and nobody dresses much, but the scenery is magnificent and the air glorious. My brother is with me, and we can have some delightful walks and drives. You've been the little mother a good long time, Nan; come and play awhile."

Nan handed the letter to Grandmother Thornton with a little sigh. She never thought of accepting, but to her surprise the old lady said kindly:

"Well, run along, Nan. It will do you a world of good, and I'll look after the youngsters."

"Oh, grandma," said Nan, eagerly, "do you think I ought? I've never seen the mountains, and it's so good of Miss Prince to ask me. I should like to go, of course, but it would make more care for you, and—"

"Nonsense, my dear!" interrupted Grandma Thornton. "I could look after half a dozen. They'll be all right, and there's no reason in the world why you shouldn't go. Have you all you need? You

must let me be your banker, you know."

"Oh, I've plenty, thank you. I'll not need much. It will be just lovely, only I wish you were all going with me."

So Nan went, and two delightful weeks followed, when she dropped all cares and was a gay young girl again. Very happy weeks they were, but if Madge could have looked on, I am afraid she wouldn't have been quite so sure that she needn't bother with that professor-man.

Nan looked prettier than ever when she came back to the farm. There was a new light in her eyes, and Madge said suspiciously:

"You look awful happy, somehow, Nan. I never saw two weeks make so much difference to anybody. Did you have such a good time as all that?"

And when they were alone, Grandmother Thornton said quietly, "The children have told me a great deal about Professor Prince, Nan. Haven't you something to tell me, too?"

"I think you know it already, grandma," answered Nan, softly. "But there isn't anything to tell, really. Only—by and by, when father and mother come—perhaps."

September found them once more in Harrison street, schools and college reopened, and the busy life began again. Bob was back from his cruise, brown and jolly, with a fine crop of sea stories to tell, and the lady-professors had abundance of work for skillful Nan.

One night, as Bob came in to supper, Nan met him at the door, radiant.

"Three cheers for father!" she cried excitedly, waving a letter above her head.

"Sure! Every time!" agreed Bob, heartily. "But why just now?"

"Why, he's got that patent! Don't you know?—that 'finisher' for Brown and Sharpe's. He always said he could if he had time to work it out! Well, he's done it! Says it came to him all of a sudden one day while he was getting better, and as soon as he got up, he just finished it. Mother says Brown and Sharpe are enthusiastic over it; it does the work

so much quicker and more cheaply. They say it's sure to be widely adopted, and father's patent rights will give him a comfortable little income. Mother says he thinks his sickness was a blessing in disguise, after all."

"Rather take mine some other way," put in Bob, dryly; but Nan went on eagerly with her story.

"It seems Brown and Sharpe had sent him a nice letter before that, saying that his old position was open to him, but mother's afraid to have him risk that, and she's strongly in favor of the farm plan, if she were only sure it would be best for us children."

"It'll be good for the kids," returned Bob sagely; "and you won't be there long. How would you like to live up on College Hill, my lady, among the dons? Aha! You see, I have some news, too! The faculty have called Professor Prince to succeed Dr. Eccleston! What do you think of that?"

"Dr. Eccleston!" Nan fairly gasped. "Why, he's years and years older—"

"That's why he's getting out," put in Bob. "He's retired."

"But he's so distinguished," faltered Nan.

"Well, let Professor Prince have a chance to distinguish himself, won't you?" laughed Bob. "I can tell you they must have a mighty good opinion of him now, to offer him that chair! Cheer up, Nan, and don't look so scared! Nobody up there can hold a candle to you!" And Bob ran off, whistling, just as Miss Prince came in, proud and pleased, having just heard the news. She was so happy over the honor and the prospect of her brother's coming, and so full of pleasant anticipation, that it was delightful to see her. And when Nan confessed that she was afraid she could never, never live up to the dignity of Mrs. Eccleston, Miss Prince laughed at her heartily.

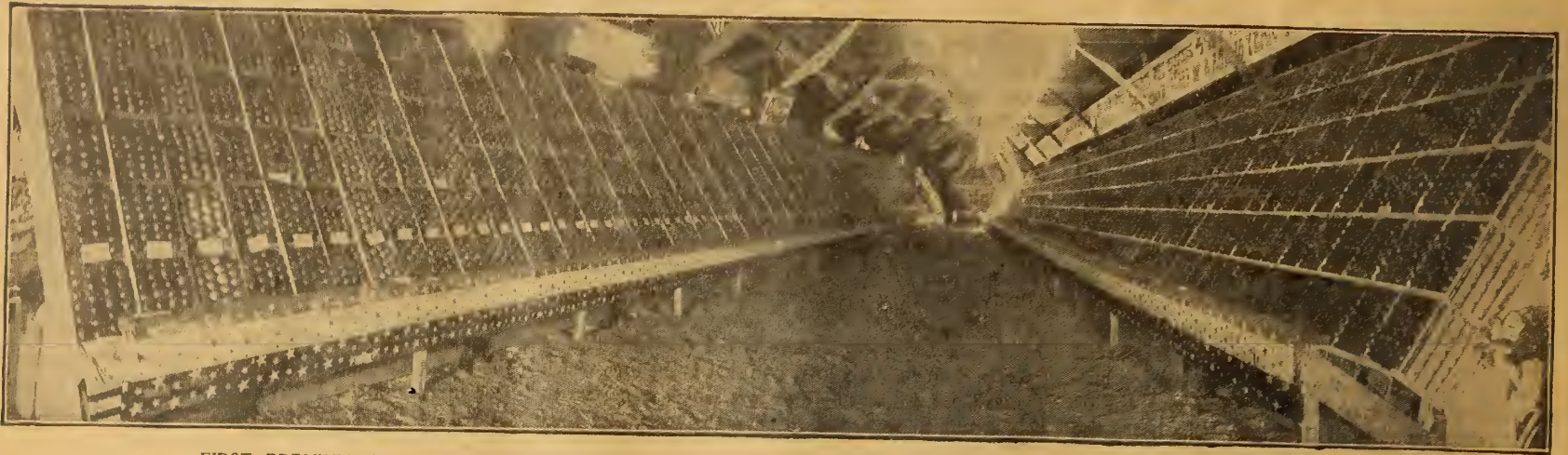
"Nobody wants you to be Mrs. Eccleston," she said merrily. "I'm very sure that John doesn't, my dear; but just your own sweet little self. You're like the New England girl in the old verses; what you don't know, you are willing to learn. You'll do, Nan! I haven't lived with you all these months for nothing."

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# THE NATIONAL APPLE SHOW

By LEVI MONROE, Secretary Washington Horticultural Association



FIRST PREMIUM CARLOAD OF APPLES

SECOND PREMIUM CARLOAD OF APPLES

**M**ICHAEL HORAN, orchardist, stock-grower and banker at Wenatchee, Wash., is the apple king of America, having gained that distinction by capturing the chief prize of \$1,000 for the best carload exhibit at the National Apple Show in Spokane, December 7 to 12. With a mixed car of 630 boxes, or 50,700 apples, he scored 96.1-4 out of a possible 100 points. H. M. Gilbert of North Yakima, Wash., formerly president of the Washington Horticultural Association, was second with a car of 70,560 winesap apples, scoring 94.3-4 points and winning \$500, and Messrs. Kress & Carey, of Hamilton, Mont., were third with a car of McIntosh Reds, scoring 85 points and winning \$200 and 1,000 apple trees. The festival was successful in every way and will be repeated in 1909, when premiums aggregating \$70,000 will be offered in a contest open to the world.

The show was formally opened when President Roosevelt pressed the button in the White House the morning of December 7. This was the signal for the blowing of factory and locomotive whistles and ringing of church, school, and fire bells, other noise-producing apparatus taking up the strain till the air trembled with vibrating sounds from Cannon Hill to the timbered bluffs on the north. Following the parade, led by the National Apple Show band of 40 pieces, under the direction of A. G. Reemer, there was a program of speeches at the state armory, which formed part of festival hall, embracing 85,000 square feet of floor space. E. F. Cartier Van Dissel, second vice-president and chairman of the board of directors, presided, introducing as the first speaker Louis W. Hill, president of the show and head of the Great Northern Railway Company. After congratulating the people of Spokane on their enterprise and the growers on their exhibits, Mr. Hill said in part:

"In Southern California in 1892 the growers shipped 4,016 cars of oranges and lemons. In 1907 they shipped 27,493 cars. They received for these an average price of \$1.42 a box. The Washington apple shipments in 1890, according to government figures, were about 600 cars, against California's 4,000, and this year the shipments of apples will

probably be 3,000 to 4,000 cars, or about what Southern California was shipping in oranges in 1892.

"The apple business will grow quite as fast as the orange business, and the apples should readily find a market. Apples are bought by the box or barrel, while oranges are bought by the case or dozen or half dozen, few people buying a case or box of oranges. It is important to know that the orange business in Southern California in that period increased from 4,000 cars to 27,000, and you will do the same.

"From the United States government census reports I take it that the number of apple trees in 1890 was 120,000,000, and 10 years later 201,000,000. That is an increase of 68 per cent in the nation. In Washington in 1890 you had about 300,000 apple trees, according to the government report. Ten years later 2,700,000, or an increase of 768 per cent, was shown. The apples produced in the United States in 1890 were 143,000,000 bushels. Six years later the amount was 175,000,000 bushels, an increase of 22 per cent. This country has increased more than that. The apple export figures are important because the market that we will work up will probably be in the exporting of apples.

"We raise a great deal of wheat, but we import wheat. We have never imported apples, and every

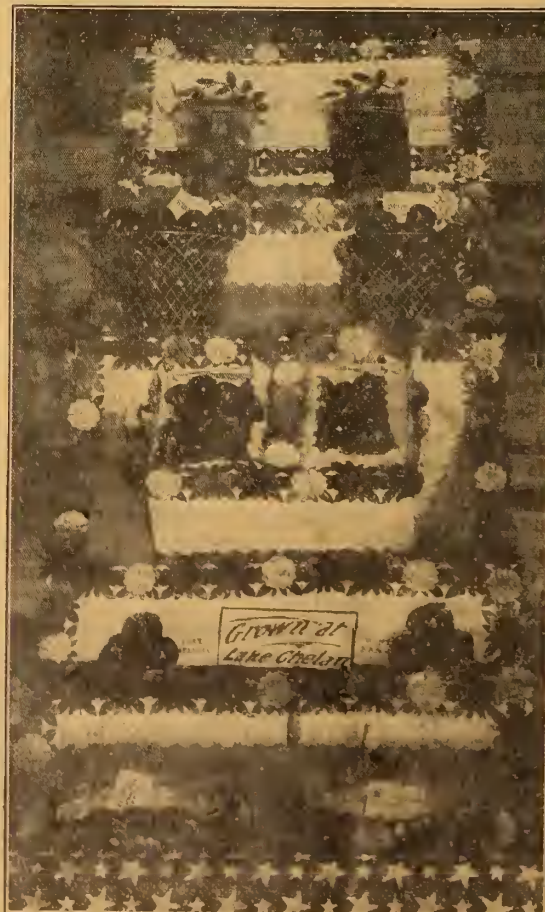
other country does, so we ought to export them, but our exports of apples so far have been small. The apple export in 1902 amounted to 2,800,000, in 1906, 5,800,000, and in 1907, 7,800,000. This is a good business and a good market, and we want to keep it up. The apple industry of the country was, in 1899, 58,000,000 barrels, and the export was less than 1 per cent, so it shows that we are not doing as much as we might. The American apple sells higher in Berlin, or any place in Germany, than the American oranges. Apples take better in Europe than oranges do, and there is no reason why we should not reach that market."

Other speakers were Governor Albert E. Mead, Mayor C. Herbert Moore, Frederick E. Goodall, president of the Spokane chamber of commerce, and Tom Richardson, of Portland, secretary of the Oregon Development League.

Apples of all sizes and varieties were exhibited in the highest state of perfection and with all the advantages which expert packing can produce. There was one carload of fruit covering 1,500 square feet of space, in which 70,560 dark red apples of uniform size and shade spread out in an expansive slope. On another was seen the bizarre effects of brilliant yellows and bright reds alternating in five-box lots, while in other places the rich Arkansas Blacks burned with a dull purple fire against a background of lighter shades.

There were state, district, county, and individual exhibits by the hundreds, and it is likely that never before has man's genius contrived so many ways of utilizing a single fruit in such a diversity of designs. There were the Stars and Stripes in three colors of apples, a white salmon of true form and almost natural color and figures and devices, jars, baskets, barrels and boxes of apples, and just heaps of apples piled up in plentiful confusion. There were 940 plate exhibits.

The show was one of surprises and charm. It was more than an entertainment; it was more than educational; it was inspirational. As an observant visitor remarked: "It comes with clearness and force to the mind that apple growing is a delightful and profitable industry, capable of many fold and





speedy development. Here is the produce from orchards already in bearing, but young orchards many times larger than the bearing orchards are now in the soil and under cultivation. We know that the product will be greater next year than this, and greater every year thereafter for the next decade, even though not another apple tree be planted."

The management distributed \$35,000 in premiums to growers in other competitions, representing practically every apple belt in the country. The Wenatchee district carried off the majority of first prizes, including one for the largest perfect apple, which measured 17 1/2 inches in circumference and weighed 30 ounces. It was of the Wolf River variety, grown by W. R. Mar, of Wenatchee. Another apple, weighing 34 ounces and measuring 20 inches, grown in the Spokane valley, was disqualified for bruises.

Growers in Washington took 68 firsts, British Columbia captured 18; five went to Idaho, four to Montana, two to New Mexico, and the rest were scattering. Oregon had 70 boxes of fruit on exhibit, but did not compete for prizes. Most of the

entries sent from the states east and south of the Rocky mountains were spoiled in transit. The apples had been taken out of cold storage and were sent to Spokane in heated cars, thus making them unrepresentable. To show them would have been unjust to the districts, so Harry J. Neeley, secretary and manager, decided not to place them on exhibition, though prize moneys, medals and diplomas will be forwarded to the growers from every state entered in the district contests.

Announcement is made by E. H. Bishop, entry clerk, that the silver cup donated by J. W. Oakes, of Spokane, to the winner of the greatest number of first prizes, was won by Wright Brothers, of Chelan, Wash., with 18 first prizes, some of them for plate exhibits. F. R. E. DeHart, of Kelowna, B. C., was second with 15 firsts. The winners of the three prizes in the southern special class for the best two barrels or six boxes of apples, grown in the southern states are: W. N. Hutt, of Raleigh, N. C., first prize of \$100. The second prize of \$50 goes to John P. Fort, of Mount Alty, Ga., and the third prize of \$25 was won by J. A. Farquharson,

of Guthrie, Okla. The silver loving cup presented by L. F. Williams, of Spokane, for the best 10 boxes of Rome Beauty apples grown in a single orchard, was won by George Farwell of Wenatchee, Wash. There were 1,500 exhibits at the show.

The judges were: Maxwell Smith, Dominion fruit inspector of British Columbia; Professor John Craig, head of the department of agriculture of Cornell University; H. M. Dunlap, Savoy, Ill., president of the National Apple Growers' Association; R. W. Fisher, professor of horticulture of Montana Agricultural College; S. A. Beach, horticulturist of Iowa Agricultural College; Claude L. Lewis, professor of general horticulture and pomology, Oregon Agricultural College; J. R. Shinn, horticulturist, University of Idaho; W. S. Thornber, horticulturist of Washington State College.

The prize-winning carloads were bought for export. There were scores of American and European buyers and horticultural experts from all parts of the country. J. L. Jones of Columbia, Tenn., came 3,000 miles to gather data for the Tennessee State Horticultural Society.

## THEN AND NOW, ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

By GRACE ADELE PIERCE



HEY were sitting, the three cousins of the family, Gladys, Geraldine and Maude, in the warm flicker of the firelight. It was too early for lights and the three girls sat silent and dreaming before the capacious grate. There was a delicate, delightful odor in the room, the source of which was disclosed when Gladys lifted for the twentieth inspection a basket of sweet English violets. "Robert says I am to wear a bunch of these to the masque tonight," she said, "and that is how he is to know me. He chooses me for his Valentine."

Maude, munching sweets from a box of silver scroll work, passed the dainty conceit again to her friends. "Hugh doesn't say one word about the masque," she said. "All he says on this card is: 'Sweets to the sweet, from your Valentine.'"

Then both girls turned to Geraldine. The red light from the fire flickered up and disclosed an earnest, pensive face with a suspicious sparkle in the eyes. "Oh, never mind, Gerry," Gladys cried. "He isn't worth it, anyway. Not if he doesn't remember," she added, seeing the look in the eyes of Geraldine. The young girl made no reply. Here it was, twilight on the 14th day of February, and Edmond had made no sign—had probably not even thought of her nor of the day.

Fortunately, what might have been an awkward silence was broken just at this moment. Little eight-year-old Beatrice burst in upon the thoughtful trio, scattering a perfect snowstorm of white missives as she came. "Thee my valentines," she cried. "I dot loths of 'em."

"So we perceive," said Maude. "Let us see them."

"Ith ith the bethst one." The child selected one from the armful and held it up. It was a display of cheap lace paper with two sanguinary hearts at the top. Beneath knelt two flesh-colored cupids united with a true lover's knot. The legend was "I am your valentine," and "Tommy" was scrawled in almost illegible letters underneath.

"Tommy? Who is Tommy?" asked Gladys.

"Tommy, why iths Tommy Barker. Don't you know? I'm hiths valentine." The child looked up in innocent surprise as though her preference for Tommy should have been known a long time ago. "Tommy ith good to me and givths me loths of things," she said conclusively.

"But these others. What are all these?" asked the big cousin.

"Oh, they ith dest valentines," answered the child. The little company was deep in the inspection of these valentines, when the portiers were drawn aside once more, and a stately woman stood in the opening.

"Oh, grandma, grandma," they all cried. "Come

in and tell us—did you ever have a valentine?" The grandmother moved gracefully into the circle and the firelight leaped up lovingly to hold in its embrace this ideal embodiment of life's experience. One could see now what Geraldine might be when three score years and ten had had their way with her.

"Yes, children," she said. "I received many valentines in my youth."

"Do you remember any of them, grandmother? Can you tell us about them?"

"Yes," said the grandmother, as she seated herself in the chair her eldest granddaughter had vacated for her, "I can tell you many things about the valentines I used to receive more than half a century ago." Baby Beatrice crept into her accustomed place and snuggled close in the ever-ready arms, while Geraldine took affectionate post at the feet of the speaker.

"When I was very young," said the grandmother, "more than sixty years ago, we used to cut and make our own valentines. We used to procure the very best paper we could get, and with sharp scissors we would cut hearts and darts and even cupids, if we were skillful enough. We were taught to make valentines as our mothers and grandmothers were taught to make samplers, and some of us could cut very beautiful ones. I worked several with wool on perforated cardboard. But the first real valentine I ever received, I still have in the cedar chest upstairs." There was a brightness in grandmother's eyes and a faint flush in the cheeks that lighted the face almost with youth again. Geraldine, with her keen and newly-wakening instincts, saw the story in grandmother's face and would have asked for it, but the shrill little voice of Beatrice broke in: "Did your grandma ever get a valentine and tell you about it?" she asked.

"Yes, child," the grandmother replied, "my grandmother received valentines, and so did her grandmother, I suppose, for the custom is a very old one. Why the name of St. Valentine has been given to the day, I do not know, nor why the festival has been set for the 14th of February; but the custom is old, very old, and handed down, perhaps, from the ancient Romans. At any rate, away back in the centuries, in Scotland, England, France, and many other countries, peculiar customs prevailed on St. Valentine's day. The young men and maidens of a certain district came together on the eve of this festival, and by a drawing of lots chose their valentines for the coming year. In those days the young maidens as well as the gallant beaux gave presents to their valentines, and there were no missives of love with hearts and cupids as I knew them in my day. This custom is being re-

vived, I see," said the grandmother, glancing at the basket of violets and the silver box of bonbons, "but for my part, I prefer the old-fashioned valentine."

"Let us see your valentine, grandmother," said Geraldine softly, "and tell us about it."

"I will," she said; and while she was gone to find it, the girls discussed her lovingly. "How beautiful grandmother is," said Gladys, "I think she must have had a great many valentines when she was young."

"Grandma ith pitty now," said Beatrice, "I'm going to asth Tommy to thend her a valentine. And you didn't get one either, did you, Geraldine? I'm going to asth Tommy to thend you one, too," the child chattered on. But Geraldine did not answer and grandma was back again. The sweet old lady patted the bowed head of the girl as she resealed herself before the fire and freed from its numerous silken paper wrappings the precious valentine. The envelope was very large and of a faded blue. All around about the front was a scroll of gilt, dimmed with age, and the lap was, or had been, sealed with a golden seal. The huge valentine, taken from its cover, was blue, also; and laced and interlaced with scrolls of gold. In the center, under two dart-riven hearts, were two quaint figures—the gentleman top-heavy in a hat of immense proportions and resplendent in a wasp-waisted coat and bright green trousers. But in spite of his serious appearance he was very happy, for his hands were interlocked with those of a much hooped and bonneted young lady, whose millinery roses vied with the bloom of her cheeks. Hovering above, below, and on every side were loves and doves and cupids. Grandmother opened the precious document and there was another and smaller envelope which also had been sealed, from this she took a card. The words were: "Wilt thou be mine?"

"This," said grandmother, "was the first and the last valentine your grandfather sent me. We had been estranged for what seemed a long, long time. He had gone to a far country and had not written me, and I was very angry—or perhaps it was only grieved. On the morning of St. Valentine's day, the maid found this package tied to the knocker of our door. At first I would not receive it, for I thought he might have written. But when I did open it I found this message. I have been his for more than fifty years."

Geraldine lifted her head to listen. The door bell had sounded and the maid was at the door. "A package for Miss Geraldine," she said handing in a big, square, white box.



# HOME FLORI-CULTURE

A DEPARTMENT IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL WHO GROW FLOWERS  BY EBEN E. REXFORD

## Orchard Beauty About the Home

OF COURSE, the owner of a small lot cannot have much of an orchard on it. But he can, in most cases, so arrange matters that he can grow considerable fruit there. And, in arranging for this, he gets not only some fruit, but a great amount of the beauty peculiar to the orchard in spring. We have few shrubs as beautiful as the apple tree, in full bloom, and the crab, the plum, and the cherry do for early spring what our best shrubs do for a later season. We can combine the useful and the beautiful if we set about it intelligently, in planting the home-grounds. With this end in view, I would advise the small-lot owner to forego the planting of the ordinary shade-tree, and substitute for it some of the more easily-grown fruit-trees. The apple and the crab are better adapted in size to the lot of ordinary size than the large-growing trees are, for they seldom become so large as to crowd everything else into the back-ground, which is just what the ordinary maple, elm, and oak will do, after a little, if allowed to have their way.

If apple trees are to be planted about the house, I would advise giving them a place at the rear. This for several reasons: There they will, in most cases, have a better chance to spread themselves after the fashion peculiar to the apple tree, without interfering with the outlook from the house. They can be so placed as to serve as a screen against unsightly out-buildings, and they will not tempt the small boy as strongly, when seen at a distance, as they will be sure to when growing close to the street. The crabs, because of more upright habit, and less spread of limbs, are better adapted to the front yard. If there is anything in the floral line that can excel one of these trees in the profusion of its bloom, I would like to know what it is. Year after year they cover themselves with thousands of white blossoms that crowd themselves along the sturdy branches so thickly that there does not seem room for one more, and everybody that goes past them has to stop, and look, and admire. For days, each tree is a veritable flower-show in itself. Then the petals begin to loosen their hold, and when the wind blows, they flutter earthward in a cloud, till the ground is again white with a drift like that of winter. Crabs would be well worth growing for their flowers alone, but the fruit that follows is extremely attractive, and the housewife will find it as useful as beautiful.

A row of blackberry bushes along the rear fence will be "a thing of beauty" when in full bloom, and again when full of ripe fruit. Raspberries are not showy as to flower, but they are quite attractive when well laden with their purple and crimson clusters. So is the grape. All these plants can be trained to hide fences that are not particularly attractive in themselves.

The plum and the cherry are not as suitable to front-yard planting as the crabs, but they can do wonderful things in beautifying the house, in spring.

I know of several small-lot places on which nearly all the fruit used by the family is grown. No doubt a good deal more would be used, if it could be afforded, but the amount supplied by the trees and bushes which have been made to take the place of ordinary shade trees and shrubs furnishes a luxury, in its season, which the laboring man's family fully appreciates, and which it would go without, most likely, if it were not for the little home-orchard.



Peonies belonging to Mrs. E. Mills, Severy, Kansas, from plants obtained from James Vick, thirty-five years ago. The following from a letter to the editor, from Mrs. Mills, is most convincing evidence of the longevity of Peonies as pointed out by Mr. Rexford in this issue, and also of the goodness of the late James Vick, founder of this magazine: "In 1874 the grasshoppers devoured everything in Western Kansas and I got up a club for seeds and sent the order to James Vick. I sent him also the names of three persons too poor to buy, requesting that my commission be given to them. He sent them a generous collection and also sent me two Peony plants complementary. I have moved them with me four times, twice in the winter, and as the picture shows they are still in prime condition."

## The Busy Woman's Garden

I FREQUENTLY get letters something like this: I haven't much time to devote to work in the garden, but I must have *some* flowers. What would you recommend? My reply to inquiries of this nature is, hardy perennial and herbaceous plants. For this reason: This class of plants requires less attention than any other. Some kinds bloom very early in the season, others along about midsummer, and many sorts continue to flower until well along in fall. All things considered, one gets about as many blossoms from this class of plants as from annuals, and the amount of labor required by them is only a fraction of that which annuals must have to be satisfactory. There will be no weed-pulling to do. This part of the work can all be done with the hoe. There will be no beds to make, and very little spading to be done. And as for beauty, we have few finer flowers than those which the hardy border plants give us. And—as a closing argument in favor of these plants, a collection, once made, is good for years.

To grow any perennial well, it must be given a good, rich soil. Spade it up to the depth of a foot, at least, and work some old, well-rotted barnyard manure into it. If this is not available, use bone-meal, in the proportion of a teacupful to a yard square of soil. If this is used, it will have to be applied twice during the season—in early spring and at midsummer—in order to keep up the necessary fertility of the soil. In spring, the plants should be dug about with the hoe, to remove any weeds that may have established themselves near the plants, and to loosen the surface of the soil. Grass should not be allowed to encroach upon the plants. Keep a space of at least a foot, all about each plant, free from anything that will draw upon the nutriment in the soil. This must be held in reserve for the plants upon which you depend for flowers.

The best location for hardy plants is along the boundary line of the lot. Here they can be given a permanent place, and it will hardly ever be necessary to interfere with them in making changes about the home.

Do not set them very close together, at first, as one is quite likely to do, because of their smallness at planting time. Those of largest habit ought to be at least three feet apart, to allow of room for development. While they are small, annuals can

be grown among them, or such plants as the Gladiolus and Dahlia can be used to fill the vacancy between the young plants.

The tallest kinds should be given places in the rear, or close to the fence, if there is one, using the lower sorts in front. Do not plant them in a formal fashion. By that, I mean in straight rows, and just so many feet apart. A much better effect is secured by grouping them,—here a bunch of Hollyhocks, there a group of Delphinium, with smaller plants between. Care must be taken to get harmonious colors together. If one plants without method, the result is pretty sure to be unsatisfactory in many respects. The catalogues will tell you the colors as well as the heights of these plants, and before putting out any of them, you should endeavor to familiarize yourself with their peculiarities, in order to avoid mistakes in planting. It is easier to avoid these, from the start, if one goes at it in the right way, than it is to correct them later on.

One of our very best hardy perennials is the Hollyhock. It blooms with great profusion from midsummer until late in the fall. It comes in a wide range of most beautiful colors—white, crimson, rose, maroon, scarlet, and yellow—and you can have single or double kinds, as you prefer. While the double sorts are most showy, the single kinds have greater stateliness.

Next on the list to the Hollyhock I would place the perennial Phlox. This plant always gives satisfaction. It blooms with wonderful freedom, and for weeks it makes the garden gorgeous with its almost solid masses of color. In order to bring out most effectively the richness of its roses, and carmines, and crimsons, white sorts must be used liberally. These heighten the beauty of the other colors by contrast, and emphasize them in such a manner that they give vastly more pleasure than when kept by themselves. We have some shades of lilac and mauve among this Phlox that are exceedingly beautiful in their delicate tints, but, if planted alongside the brighter colors, they are not only spoiled, but they spoil the others. But the discordant note in the color scheme can be avoided by keeping these some distance away from the others, and using white kinds to relieve their dainty coloring.

Every border should have its Peonies. These are grand flowers,—large, rich in color, delightfully fragrant, freely produced, and coming early in the season. The Peony is one of the plants that grows better with age, if properly cared for. The writer knows plants fifty years old that are as strong and vigorous as younger plants.

A large collection of perennials will not require as much care at the hands of its owner, during the entire season, as a few small beds of annuals will. As a general thing, they will give vastly more satisfaction, because, after once well established, they are good for an indefinite period. This is what especially recommends them.

Now is the time to plan for the garden of perennials. Get out your catalogues and familiarize yourself with the habits, the colors, and the peculiarities of them. Then select such as you think you would be likely to like best, but do not do it until you have "looked the ground over" and ascertained about how many you have room for. Don't crowd a large number into a small space. Don't order anything that you have reason to think lacks hardiness. Don't let the desire for "new" things lead you to overlook the well-proven merits of the old stand-bys. Bear in mind that "Old friends are best."



# J. H. HALE---THE WORLD'S PEACH KING

## AND HIS GREAT ORCHARDS

By Eugene J. Hall



In the Georgia Peach Orchard



In the Packing House

MANY years ago an industrious, hard-working New England farmer died, leaving as a heritage to his widow and two small boys, a sterile New England farm, not very far from the little hamlet of Glastonbury, Connecticut. The problem naturally confronting them was, how they were to make a living, as their store of this world's goods was small, and the chief support of the family had been taken away.

But, undaunted by their misfortune, instead of disposing of the old farm, they determined to carry it on themselves, and the following spring found them busy in the garden, early in the season, planting vegetables of various kinds, which they peddled about the place in a push-cart, from the sale of which they realized a considerable sum of money during the season.

In addition to raising vegetables, their next venture was the setting out of a strawberry patch, which, by careful cultivation, proved to be very profitable, and before many seasons had passed, they were selling strawberries by the wagon-load in Hartford. Then raspberries and other small fruits were planted, and the business developed into a nursery, where fruit trees of a larger size were grown. Then orchards were planted on the hillsides, new land was acquired, and in the course of time the Hale (Connecticut) orchards were developed to about seven hundred acres of fruit trees in full bearing.

Mr. J. H. Hale, the moving spirit in this great industry, was not satisfied with the results obtained in Connecticut, where the climate is not always favorable for a good peach crop. Hence he determined to go South and engage in peach growing on a larger scale. Hearing and reading much of the wonderful productiveness of the Georgia soil, he went South upon an extended tour of observation, and finally found a large tract of land at Fort Valley, not very far from Macon, which he purchased at a reasonably low price. Returning North, he proceeded to organize a company for the purpose of planting this great area with peach trees. He had many difficulties to overcome, but, under his energetic administration, work was pushed, thousands of trees were planted, nurseries were started, and the once desolate stretches of country presented a scene of great activity.

Of course, it took time, patience and a vast amount of work to complete this organization and set it in motion, but the young trees grew rapidly, the soil was perfectly adapted

to peach growing, and the trees soon came into bearing. Acres upon acres were planted, new orchards were laid out, until, at the present time, there are, in these great Georgia orchards, twenty-seven hundred acres in full bearing, and in the adjacent nurseries millions of young trees in process of development. Probably in no other place in this country, if anywhere in the world, is peach growing conducted on such an extensive scale.

A branch railroad runs from the main line directly to the great packing house, where, during the peach season, the peaches are loaded directly into the cars, which are iced, and sent away to the Northern markets.

When I visited this great orchard, sixteen carloads of peaches a day were being shipped away, and I was told by Mr. Hale that the total sales for the season amounted to over one hundred thousand dollars. While peach growing, in some years, is very profitable, there are times when it is conducted at a great loss. The grower has many difficulties to contend with, such as insect pests and overproduction, which brings low prices, and weather may cause the crop to ripen prematurely and decay before it can be picked, packed, and sent to market. Sometime, also, a Northern blizzard, sweeping southward from the Carolinas, leaves destruction in its

wake. Yet, with all these drawbacks, the great Hale orchards have been commercially successful, and their output has constantly increased.

Mr. Hale is a man who always looks upon the sunny side of life, and he says that when the Georgia crop fails, he generally has a good crop of peaches in Connecticut, and when there are no peaches to speak of in Connecticut, he is pretty certain to have plenty of them in his Georgia orchards.

In addition to peach growing, Mr. Hale carries on a very large nursery business. His trees and plants are sent to all parts of the country. As a horticulturist, he has been very successful, having originated several very choice varieties of strawberries, peaches, and other fruits. His latest peach is a seedling of large size, beautiful color, and delicious flavor. Some of the strawberries originated on the old farm in South Glastonbury, which he still retains, have a national reputation.

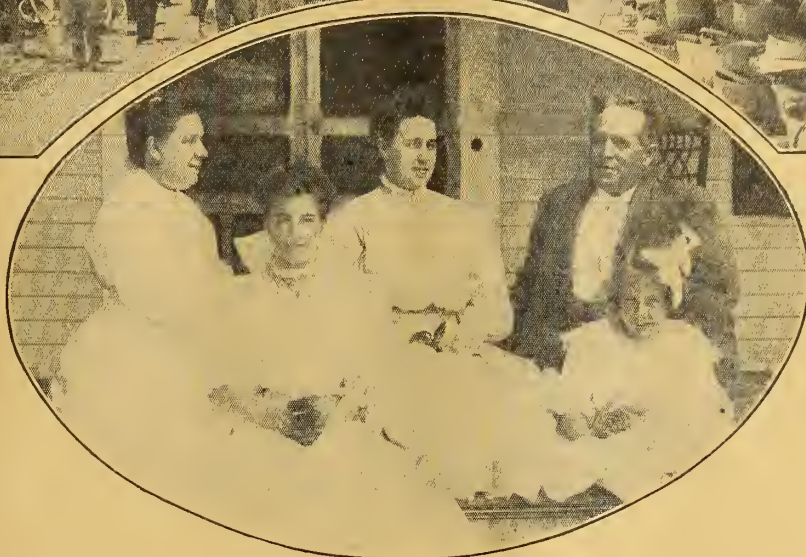
Mr. Hale's career as a nurseryman reads like a romance, and a very interesting book might be written of his achievements in horticulture. Personally, he is social, hospitable, and one of the most popular of men in Connecticut. From the old farm, from whose sterile soil the products were once retailed from a push-cart, but now in a high state of cultivation, the fruits are sent to Hartford on a special trolley car. The interurban line runs directly through the farm, with a station in front of the office.

Hale's peaches are widely known throughout the Eastern and Middle States. They come into the market several weeks earlier than the New Jersey, New York, or Connecticut crops, and generally bring good prices. The trade-mark, "U. C. Top U. C. All," is rigidly lived up to in the packing houses where they are put into the crates and shipped to market.

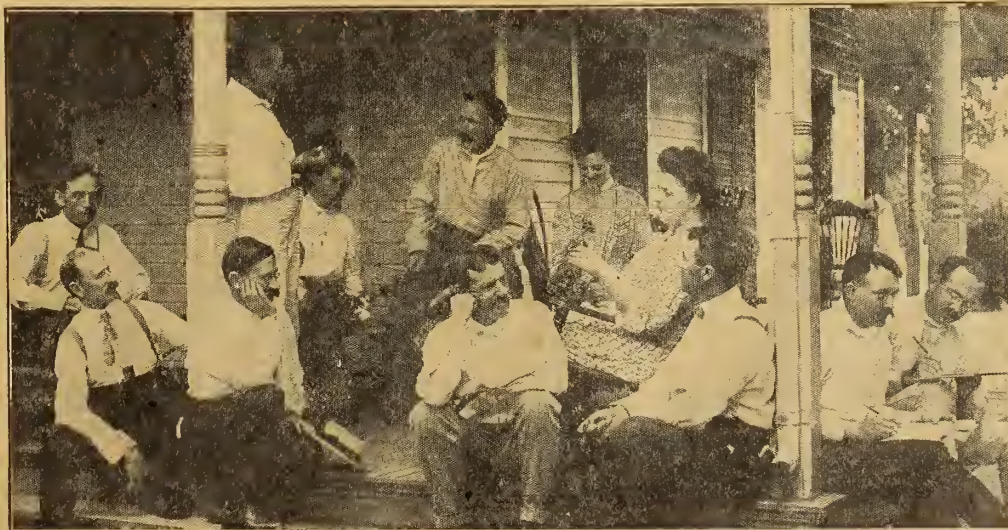
We could not, within the limits of this article, particularize as to how all of this work has been done, but it shows how one thrown upon his own resources at an early age can win his way to success, if he determines to do it. It is a good lesson for the young readers of this magazine to learn, and I trust it will prove an inspiration to many.

Nothing else so pollutes the springs of human action as does a good picture of a bad thing. This principle applies in the matter of word-painting no less than in that of brush-painting.

The practical and the beautiful are not so widely separated as many people suppose.



Mr. and Mrs. Hale and their Three Daughters



MR. HALE AND SOME OF HIS FRIENDS AT HIS GEORGIA HOME

Top row, reading from left to right; Assistant Superintendent; Mr. J. H. Hale; Mrs. F. B. White; Professor Craig, of Cornell College; Housekeeper; Mrs. F. J. Spury, Secretary. Bottom row; Mr. F. B. White; J. Horace McFarland; Superintendent; Mr. Baird, Gen. Mgr.; E. Powell, Editor Farm and Home; Prof. Powell, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.



# MARCH OF THE WHITE GUARD

By SIR GILBERT PARKER

[SYNOPSIS.—A letter comes to a Hudson Bay Company post at Fort Providence, urging that search be made for a civil engineer, Le Page by name, who had not been heard from for over nine months. The letter was signed by the man's wife. Jasper Hume, the sub-factor at the post, consented to conduct an expedition into the frozen North to rescue Le Page, though the latter, in earlier life, had betrayed his friendship, defrauded him of a most valuable invention, and by means most unfair, supplanted him in the affections of the woman he fondly loved—her who wrote the appealing letter that search be made for her husband. Hume makes up his party for the perilous journey, and on the following day at noon he makes his start to the frozen Northland amid the cheers of the denizens of the H. B. C. post. After eighteen days, on Christmas, no trace of the missing man is found and the little party of four press bravely on toward the cold and bleak Mount Manitou.]

## PART III.

**D**OWN this stream the ice was floating—he would remember that floating ice to his dying day—and entered a quiet room where a white-faced woman was breathing away her life. And he fell at her side and kissed her hand and called to her, and she walked for a moment only and smiled on him and said, "Be good, my boy, and God will make you great." And then she said she was cold. And someone felt her feet—a kind old soul who shook her head sadly at the mother and looked pityingly at him; and a voice rising out of a strange smiling languor murmured, "I'll away, I'll away to the Promised Land—to the Promised Land! It is cold—so cold—God keep my boy!" And the voice ceased, and the kind old soul who had looked at him pityingly folded her arms about him and drew his brown head to her breast and kissed him with flowing eyes and whispered, "Come away, dear; come away."

But he came back in the night and sat beside her, and would not go away, but remained there till the sun grew bright, and then through another day and night until they bore him out of the little house by the river to the frozen hillside. And the world was empty and the icy river seemed warmer than his heart.

And sitting here in this winter desolation Jasper Hume beholds these scenes of twenty years before and follows himself, a poor dispensing clerk in a doctor's office, working for that dream of achievement in which his mother believed; for which she hoped. And following further the boy that was himself, he saw a friendless first-year man at college, soon, however, to make a friend of Varre Lepage, and to see always the best of that friend, being himself so true. And the day came when they both graduated together, in science, a bright and happy day, succeeded by one still brighter, when they both entered a great firm as junior partners. Then came the meeting with Rose Varcoe; and he thought of how he praised his friend Varre Lepage to her and brought that friend to be introduced to her. He realized all those visions that came to him when, his professional triumphs achieved, he should have a happy home and a happy face, and faces, by his fireside. And the face was to be that of Rose Varcoe, and the other faces of those who would be like her and like himself. He saw, or rather felt, that face clouded and anxious when he went away ill and blind for health's sake. He did not write. The doctors forbade him that. He did not ask her to write, for his was so strong and steadfast a nature that he did not need letters to keep him true; and he thought if she cared for him she must be the same. He did not understand a woman's heart, how it needs remembrances and needs to give remembrances.

Looking at Jasper Hume's face in the light of this fire, it seemed calm and cold, yet behind it was an agony of memory, the memory of the day when he discovered that Varre Lepage was married to Rose Varcoe, and that the trusted friend had grown



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famous and well-to-do on the offspring of his brain. His first thought had been one of fierce anger and determination to expose this man who had falsified all trust; but then came the thought of the girl, and, most of all, there came the words of his dying mother, "Be good, my boy, and God will make you great," and for his mother's sake he had compassion on the girl and sought no revenge upon her husband. Rare type of man in a sordid, unchivalric world! And now, ten years later, he did not regret that he had stayed his hand. The world had ceased to call Varre Lepage a genius. He had not fulfilled the hope that was held of him. This Jasper Hume knew from occasional references in scientific journals.

And he was making this journey to save, if he could, Varre Lepage's life. And he has no regret. Though just on the verge of a new era in his career—to give the world the fruit of ten years' thought and labor—he had set all behind him that he might be true to the friendship of his youth, that he might be loyal to his manhood, that he might be clear of the strokes of conscience to the last hour of his life.

Looking round him now, the debating look comes again into his eyes. He places his hand in his breast and lets it rest there for a moment. The look becomes certain and steady, the hand is drawn out and in it is a book of common prayer. Upon the fly-leaf is written, "Jane Hume, to her dear son Jasper, on his twelfth birthday."

These men of the White Guard are not used to religious practices, whatever their past has been in that regard, and at any other time they might have been surprised at this action of Jasper Hume. Under some circumstances it might have lessened their opinion of him, but his influence over them now was complete. They knew they were getting nearer to him than they had ever done; even Cloud-in-the-Sky appreciated that. He spoke no word to them, but looked at them and stood up. They all did the same, Jeff Hyde leaning on the shoulders of Gaspé Toujours. He read first four verses of the thirty-first Psalm, then followed the prayer of St. Chrysostom, and the beautiful collect which appeals to the Almighty to mercifully look upon the infirmities of men, and to stretch forth His hand to keep and defend them in all dangers and necessities. Late Carscallen, after a long pause, said "Amen," and Jeff Hyde said in a whisper to

Gaspé Toujours, "That's to the point. Infirmities and dangers and necessities is what troubles us."

Immediately after, at a sign from the sub-factor, Cloud-in-the-Sky began to transfer the burning wood from one fire to the other until only hot ashes were left where a great blaze had been. Over these ashes pine twigs and branches were spread, and over them again blankets. The word was then given to turn in, and Jeff Hyde, Gaspé Toujours and Late Carscallen lay down in this comfortable bed. Each wished to give way to their captain, but he would not consent, and he and Cloud-in-the-Sky wrapped themselves in their blankets like mummies, covering their heads completely, and under the arctic sky they slept alone in an austere and tenantless world. They never knew how loftily sardonic Nature can be who have not seen that land where the mercury freezes in the tubes and there is light but no warmth in the smile of the sun. Not Sturt in the heart of Australia, with the mercury bursting the fevered tubes, with the fingernails breaking like brittle glass, with the ink drying instantly on the pen, with the hair falling off and fading, would, if he could, have exchanged his lot for that of the White Guard. They are in a frozen endlessness that stretches away to a world where never voice of man or clip of wing or tread of animal is heard. It is the threshold to the undiscovered country, to the untouched north whose fields of white are only furrowed by the giant forces of the elements; on whose frigid hearthstone no fire is ever lit; a place where the electric phantoms of a nightless land pass and repass, and are never still; where the magic needle points not toward the north but darkly downward, downward—where the sun never stretches warm hands to him who dares the terrors of eternal snow.

The White Guard sleeps!

"No, Captain; leave me here and push on to the Manitou Mountain. You ought to make it in two days. I'm just as safe here as on the sleds and less trouble; a blind man's no good. I'll have a good rest while you're gone, and then perhaps my eyes will come out right. My foot is nearly well now."

Yes, Jeff Hyde was snow-blind. This, the giant of the party, had suffered most.

But Jasper Hume said, "I'll not leave you alone, my man. The dogs can carry you, as they've done for the last ten days."

But Jeff replied, "I'm safe here as marching, and safer. When the dogs are not carrying me, nor anyone leading me, you can get on faster, and that means everything to us; now don't it?"

Jasper Hume met the eyes of Gaspé Toujours. He read them. Then he said to Jeff Hyde, "It shall be as you wish. Late Carscallen, Cloud-in-the-Sky, and myself will push on to Manitou Mountain. You and Gaspé Toujours will remain here."

Jeff Hyde's blind eyes turned toward Gaspé Toujours, and Gaspé Toujours said, "Yes. We have plenty of tabac."

A tent was set up, provisions were put in it, a spirit-lamp and matches were added, and the simple menage was complete. Not quite. Jasper Hume looked round. There was not a tree in sight. He stooped and cut away a pole that was used for strengthening the runners of the sleds; fastened it firmly in the ground, and tied to it a red woolen scarf, which he had used for tightening his white blankets round him. Then he said: "Be sure and keep that flying, men."

Jeff Hyde's face was turned toward the north. The blind man's instinct was coming to him. Far off white eddying drifts were rising over long hillocks of snow. When Jeff turned round again his face was slightly troubled. It grew more troubled, then it brightened up again, and he said to

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# With the Wits and the Wags

Governed by the ruling passion for giving sweet, poetical names to country places, a man who lives in the central part of Pennsylvania, says a writer in the Philadelphia Public Ledger, built a handsome little villa and called it "The Nutshell." Thus was the home introduced to his friends, and it became widely known; but to the surprise of all, it was one day suddenly changed to "Sylvan Nook," and naturally a flood of inquiries began to pour in.

"Say, old man," remarked one of his neighbors, on noting the change, "why have you given your home a new name? What was the matter with 'The Nutshell'?"

"Why?" responded the man, with some warmth. "Because I was tired of being joked. There isn't a boy for a mile around who hasn't stopped and rung the door-bell every time he passed to ask if the colonel was in."—Today's.

A Southern Congressman tells of a dandy in a Georgia town whose best quality is his devotion to his aged parent.

Once the Congressman asked Pete why he had never married.

"Why, boss," explained Pete, "I've got an old mudder. I had t' do for her, suh. Ef I doan' buy her shoes an' stockin's she doan' git none. Now, boss, you see ef I was t' git married, I'd have t' buy 'em fo' mah wife, an' dat'd be takin' de shoes an' stockin's right outer my ole mudder's mouf."

The teacher had been reading to the class about the great forests of America. "And now, boys," she announced afterwards, "which one of you can tell me the pine that has the longest and sharpest needles?" Up went a hand in the front row. "Well, Tommy?" "The porcupine, ma'am."

"Waiter," said a traveler in a railroad restaurant, "did you say I had twenty minutes to wait, or that it was twenty minutes to eight?"

"Nayther. Oi said ye had twenty minutes to ate, an' thot's all ye did have. Yer train's just gone."

"I once spurned a bribe of \$100,000," said the orator, naturally evoking a round of applause. "Nay, friends, do not cheer," he continued. "It is the duty of all to be honest. Besides, the services demanded by the brazen scoundrel were worth double the money."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Tom—I'm going to ask your father, tonight, for your hand.

Tess—But you don't seem to be a bit nervous.

Tom—No; I've been both a life insurance agent and a book canvasser.—Pick-Me-Up.

"Joseph," said his mother, reprovingly, "I should think you'd be ashamed to be in the same class with boys who are all so much smaller than yourself." "Well, mother," replied imperturbable Joe, "I look upon the matter in a different light altogether. It really flatters my vanity to see how proud the small boys are to be in the same class with a big boy like me."

The street-car conductor examined the transfer thoughtfully, and said meekly, "This here transfer expired an hour ago, lady."

The lady replied: "No wonder, with not a single ventilator open in the whole car."

Daughter—This piano is really my very own, isn't it, pa?

Pa—Yes, my dear.

Daughter—And when I marry, I can take it with me, can't I?

Pa—Certainly, my child. But don't tell anyone; it might spoil your chances.

A farmer had hired a raw Irishman to plough. "Now, Pat," said he, "you want to make your first furrow straight, so you'd better choose a mark and plough at it." By and by the farmer came out to see how Pat was getting along. He found that the plough had been wandering zigzag all over the field. "Why, Pat!" he exclaimed, "I thought I told you to choose a mark and plough at it." "Sure, and I did sor," replied Pat. "I ploughed straight for the cow on the hill beyant, but the craythur wouldn't kape still!"



Mickey, Jr.—"Wasn't it Patrick Henry who said, 'Let us have peace'?"

Mickey, Sr.—"Nobody b' th' name ov Patrick iver said anything loike that."

—Judge.

"You and the little Wattles boy seem to play very nicely together," said Johnny's mother. "I am glad there is one boy in the neighborhood that you can get along with." "Yes," replied Johnny, "I lick him every morning, and then he's nice to me all day."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Photographer (to father)—To have the picture more natural, you better have your son put his hand on your shoulder.

Father—It would be more lifelike if he put his hand in my pocket.—Judge.

Bystander—Doctor, what do you think of this man's injuries?

Doctor (of Irish extraction)—Two of them are undoubtedly fatal; but as for the rest of them, time alone can tell.—Boston Transcript.

"Why do they have consultations of physicians, pa?"

"Sometimes one doctor can think of something to operate for that hasn't occurred to the other."

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2314. Misses' Semi-Fitting Coat. Four sizes—14 to 17 years. For 15 years the coat requires four and one-half yards 20 inches wide, two and one-half yards 36 inches wide, two and one-eighth yards 42 inches wide, or one and five-eighths yards 54 inches wide.

2326. Misses' Three-Piece Skirt. Three sizes—13 to 17 years. For 15 years, the skirt requires five and three-fourths yards 20 inches wide, three and five-eighths yards 36 inches wide, two and three-quarters yards 42 inches wide, or two and one-eighth yards 54 inches wide.

2212. Child's Coat. Four sizes—1 to 7 years. For a child of 5 years, the coat requires four and one-half yards of material 20 inches wide, two and five-eighths yards 36 inches wide, two and one-quarter yards 42 inches wide, or one and seven-eighths yards 54 inches wide.

2237. Ladies' Semi-Fitting Coat, in Three-Quarter Length. Seven sizes—32 to 44 inches bust measure. For 36 bust, the coat requires six and one-fourth yards of material 20 inches wide, three and one-half yards 36 inches wide, three and one-eighth yards 42 inches wide, or two and one-half yards 54 inches wide.

2363. Misses' Tucked Jumper, with a Separate Guimpe Having Long or Three-Quarter Length Sleeves. Three sizes—13 to 17 years. For 15 years, the jumper requires two and three-fourths yards 20 inches wide, two yards 27 inches wide, one and one-half yards 36 inches wide, or one and three-eighths yards 42 inches wide; the guimpe needs three and one-eighth yards 18 inches wide, or one and five-eighths yards 36 inches wide.

2357. Misses' One-Piece Tucked Skirt, with Straight Lower Edge. Three sizes—13 to 17 years. For 15 years, the skirt requires thirteen and five-eighths yards 20 inches wide, ten and one-half yards 27 inches wide, seven yards 36 inches wide, or six and seven-eighths yards 42 inches wide.

2571. Ladies' One-Piece Work Apron, With or Without Ruffle. Three sizes—small, medium and large. The medium size requires four and three-fourths yards 27 inches wide, or three and seven-eighths yards 36 inches wide.

2067. Ladies' Tucked Eton Jacket, with Long or Three-Quarter Length Sleeves. Six sizes—32 to 42 inches bust measure. For 36 bust, the jacket requires five and one-fourth yards of material 20 inches wide, two and seven-eighths yards 36 inches wide, two and one-half yards 42 inches wide, or one and three-fourths yards 54 inches wide.

2055. Ladies' Nine-Gored Plaited Skirt. Six sizes—22 to 32 inches waist measure. For 26 waist, the skirt requires eleven and one-eighth yards of material 20 inches wide, six yards 36 inches wide, five and one-half yards 42 inches wide, or four and one-eighth yards 54 inches wide.

2349. Boys' Russian Suit, With Detached Eton Collar, and Knickerbockers. Four sizes—2 to 5 years. For 3 years, the suit requires three and one-fourth yards 27 inches wide, two and one-half yards 36 inches wide, or one and five-eighths yards 54 inches wide.

2559. Ladies' Shirtwaist, With Seamless Yoke. Six sizes—32 to 42 bust. For 36 bust, the waist requires four and three-fourths yards 20 inches wide, three and one-half yards 27 inches wide, two and five-eighths yards 36 inches wide, or two and one-fourth yards 42 inches wide.

2336. Girls' Sailor Suit and Bloomers, Consisting of a Blouse Slipped On Over the Head, Bloomers Joined to an Underwaist Having a Shield Facing, and a Separate Gathered Skirt. Four sizes—6 to 12 years. For 8 years, the garments require six and one-half yards 27 inches wide, five yards 36 inches wide, or four and one-fourth yards 42 inches wide.

2297. Ladies' Coat, With Butcher Back. Seven sizes—32 to 44 bust. For 36 bust, the coat requires ten yards of material 20 inches wide, five and five-eighths yards 36

inches wide, five yards 42 inches wide, or three and three-fourths yards 54 inches wide.

2560. Boys' Sailor Suit, Consisting of a Blouse Slipped On Over the Head, Having Long Seamless Shoulders in Regulation Naval Style, and a Removable Shield, and Knickerbockers. Five sizes—4 to 12 years. For 8 years, the suit requires four yards 27 inches wide, two and three-quarters yards 36 inches wide, or one and seven-eighths yards 54 inches wide.

2111. Ladies' Tucked Nightgown, With Back Yoke and Long or Three-Quarter Length Sleeves. Four sizes—32, 36, 40, and 44 bust. For 36 bust, the gown requires seven and one-fourth yards 27 inches wide, or five and three-fourths yards 36 inches wide.

1849. Ladies' Dressing-Sack, With Three-Quarter Length Sleeves. Seven sizes—32 to 44 inches, bust measure. For 36 bust, the sack needs four and one-half yards of material 20 inches wide, or two and one-half yards 36 inches wide, or two and one-fourth yards 42 inches wide.

2406. Ladies' Tailored Shirt or Shirtwaist, With or Without Yoke-Facing. Six sizes—32 to 42 bust. Size 36 requires four and one-eighth yards 20 inches wide, three and one-fourth yards 27 inches wide, two and one-fourth yards 36 inches wide, or two yards 42 inches wide.

2573. Ladies' Tucked Waist, Closing at Back and Having Body Lining. Six sizes—32 to 42 bust. For 36 bust, the waist requires six yards 20 inches wide, four and seven-eighths yards 27 inches wide, three and one-fourth yards 36 inches wide, or three yards 42 inches wide.

2563. Ladies' Two-Piece Skirt, With Inset Sheath Panel. Seven sizes—22 to 34 waist. Width of lower edge in medium size, about four and one-fourth yards. For 26 waist, the skirt requires eight and one-half yards 20 inches wide, four and three-fourths yards 36 inches wide, four and one-fourth yards 42 inches wide, or three and five-eighths yards 54 inches wide.

2247. Ladies' Seven-Gored Plaited Skirt, Closed at Left Side of Front and in Ankle Length. Seven sizes—22 to 34 inches, waist measure. Width of lower edge in medium size, about five yards. For 26 waist, the skirt requires ten and three-fourths yards of material 20 inches wide, six and one-fourth yards 36 inches wide, five and three-eighths yards 42 inches wide, or four and seven-eighths yards 54 inches wide.

2549. Ladies' Corset-Cover, With Front Yoke. Eight sizes—32 to 46 bust. For 36 bust, the corset-cover requires one and one-fourth yards 27 inches wide, or one yard 36 inches wide.

2291. Ladies' Nine-Gored Kilt-Plaited Skirt, in Pinafore Style and Instep Length. Six sizes—22 to 32 waist. Width of lower edge in medium size, about four and one-half yards. For 26 waist, the skirt requires eleven yards of material 20 inches wide, six yards 36 inches wide, five and three-eighths yards 42 inches wide, or four yards 54 inches wide.

2310. Misses' Shirtwaist, With Seamless Yoke. Three sizes—13 to 17 years. For 15 years, the waist requires four yards of material 20 inches wide, three and one-fourth yards 27 inches wide, two and one-fourth yards 36 inches wide, or two yards 42 inches wide.

1930. Ladies' Shirtwaist, With or Without Back Yoke-Facing. Eight sizes—32 to 46 inches, bust measure. For 36 bust, the waist requires three and one-half yards of goods 27 inches wide, or two and one-half yards 36 inches wide, or two and one-fourth yards 42 inches wide.

2554. Misses' Jumper Dress, With an Attached One-Piece Plaited Skirt and a Separate Guimpe Having Long or Three-Quarter Sleeves. Four sizes—14 to 17 years. For 15 years, the dress, as in front view, requires six and one-half yards of plain material 36 inches wide, with one

and three-fourths yards of striped material 36 inches wide; or, as in back view, seven yards 36 inches wide. The guimpe requires one and five-eighths yards 36 inches wide.

2176. Girls' Dress, With Three-Quarter Length Sleeves. Four sizes—6 to 12 years. For 10 years, the dress requires four and three-fourths yards 27 inches wide, three and five-eighths yards 36 inches wide, or three and one-eighth yards 42 inches wide.

2568. Misses Tucked Shirtwaist, Closing at Left Side of Front and Having Seven-Eighths Length Sleeves. Three sizes—13 to 17 years. For 15 years, the waist requires four yards 20 inches wide, three and three-eighths yards 27 inches wide, two and three-eighths yards 36 inches wide, or two yards 42 inches wide.

2556. Misses' Two-Piece Circular Skirt, Closing With Buttons Down Left Side of Front and Having an Inverted Box-Plait at Centre Back Seam. Three sizes—13 to 17 years. For 15 years, the skirt requires six and one-half yards 20 inches wide, three and one-half yards 36 inches wide, three and one-fourth yards 42 inches wide, or two and one-half yards 54 inches wide.

2502. Ladies' Semi-Fitting Four-Button Cutaway Coat, in 37-Inch Length. Six sizes—32 to 42 bust. For 36 bust, the coat requires seven and one-fourth yards 20 inches wide, four yards 36 inches wide, three and five-eighths yards 42 inches wide, or two and seven-eighths yards 54 inches wide.

1737. Child's Plaited Dress, With Round Yoke. Four sizes—1 to 7 years. For 5 years, the dress needs five and seven-eighths yards 20 inches wide, three yards 36 inches wide, or two and one-half yards 42 inches wide.

1624. Ladies' Sack Apron, With High Neck and Turn-Down Collar or Dutch Round or Square Neck. Four sizes—32, 36, 40, and 44 inches, bust measure. For 36 bust, the apron needs seven and three-fourths yards of material 27 inches wide, or five and one-half yards 36 inches wide; one and one-fourth yards of edging to trim.

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## Success With Poultry

By C. A. SMITH

### Feed

For feed, give plenty of grit, charcoal, and fresh water once a day in winter, and twice, or oftener, in summer. Feed, for morning, a mash composed of cut-clover or clover chaff, ground corn, ground oats, and bran. Steam the clover over night, about one quart to a dozen hens, then in the morning mix one quart of equal parts of ground corn, ground oats, and bran. Feed only about one-half what they will eat, then, afterwards, scatter some millet-seed—about one gill to a dozen hens—in the litter in the scratching shed.

Keep the hens busy scratching all day, working in the litter, but see that they have enough to fill their crops at supper. Feed all grain in the litter. Feed a variety of food. Cabbages, mangolds occasionally, are excellent. Green cut bone is the greatest egg-producing food, about one ounce three times a week to each hen. If skim milk is fed, feed in curd form.

### Setting the Hens

Every poultry place should be provided with a hatching pen, separate by itself, in which to set the hens when they become broody. Let them remain on their usual nest for a couple of days; then, after night, remove to their new

quarters. Place a "dummy" setting of eggs under her, make her next box dark by means of a gunnysack or board, place feed and water before her, when she comes off, see she goes back on; if necessary, fasten her on, and in a couple of days she will get down to business and will become as firmly established as a mule that doesn't want to draw.

### Care of Young Chick

Leave the chicks in the nest for twenty-four hours; thirty-six hours will not hurt; then remove and feed small grit and water. In a little while after, feed some dry bread steeped in sweet milk and squeezed dry. Some advocate hard-boiled eggs. I do not find it necessary. I like a Johnny-cake made as follows: One pint water, two eggs (infertile), one-half teaspoonful salt, one-half teaspoonful saleratus, cornmeal to thicken. Dissolve salt and soda in the water, add the milk. Stir well and add meal and bake.

This Johnny-cake will crumble fine. Recipe is enough for one hundred chicks. Do not bake any more than will last for two days, as it may become sour, and that is fatal to young chicks. They can be fed this three times a day, up to three or four weeks old, when cracked corn, cracked wheat, and wheat screenings may be substituted.

## Choice Poultry Dishes

### Pickled Chicken

Boil four chickens till tender enough for meat to fall from bones; put meat in a stone jar, and pour over it three pints of cold, good cider vinegar and a pint and a half of the water in which the chickens were boiled; add spices if preferred, and it will be ready for use in two days. This is a popular Sunday evening dish; it is good for luncheon at any time.

### Chicken Patties

Mince up fine cold chicken, either roasted or boiled. Season it with pepper and salt, and a little minced parsley and onion. Moisten it with chicken gravy or cream sauce, fill scalloped shells that are lined with pastry with the mixture, and sprinkle bread-crumbs over the tops. Put two or three tiny pieces of butter over each, and bake brown in a hot oven.

### Chicken Croquettes

Take any desired quantity of chicken,

chop very fine, add an equal quantity of smoothly mashed potatoes, mix, and season with butter, salt, black pepper, a little prepared mustard, and a little cayenne pepper; make into cakes, dip in egg and bread-crumbs and fry a light brown. A nice relish for tea.

### Duck Pie

Cut all the meat from cold roast ducks; put the bones and dressing into cold water; cover them and let boil; put the meat into a deep dish; pour on enough of the stock made from the bones to moisten; cover with pastry, slit in the center with a knife, and bake a light brown.

### Broiled Pigeons or Squabs

Split them down the back and broil the same as chicken; seasoning well with salt, pepper, and plenty of butter. Broil slices of salt pork, very thin; place a slice over each bird and serve.

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# With the Editor

## An Enduring Lincoln Memorial

On February 12 occurs the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. On that day will be held hundreds, if not thousands, of memorial services, whereat tributes heartfelt, well deserved, and eloquent, will be paid to the sacred memory of this great and good man—this friend of the plain people, who believed in and trusted them, and what is better still, loved them without reserve—who, more than any other man, embodied in himself and exemplified in his life, all that is highest and the best of true American genius, history, tradition, hope, purpose, aspiration, and achievement. Without doubt many proposals will be made for the rearing of monuments and statues to the memory of the great martyred president, but it is very doubtful if any other suggested memorial would be so fitting, so enduring, and so widely beneficent as would a Lincoln Memorial Highway or Boulevard extending from ocean to ocean. It has been proposed that the national government build a Lincoln Memorial Boulevard from Washington to Gettysburg. This project deserves encouragement, but this would be wholly inadequate. Its accomplishment should be regarded as only a beginning of the greater and more truly national enterprise of building a great national and interstate highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Every state through which this magnificent boulevard would pass would cheerfully contribute its full share to the cost if the federal government would take the initiative. In the construction work, convict labor in the different states could be employed, thus reducing labor cost to a minimum and completely solving the now vexatious question of contract labor. Then, too, every intelligent convict in the land honors the memory of Abraham Lincoln. To have a part in such a splendid undertaking would arouse the slumbering patriotism, loyalty, and self-respect in the breasts of thousands of unfortunate men who are now behind prison bars, and would inspire them to begin the living of the better life. What more enduring monument could be reared to the memory of Lincoln? All the towering monuments, imposing sarcophagi, and magnificent mausoleums of ancient Rome have long since crumbled into dust and are now only mouldering heaps, but the splendid roads in Southern Europe built by the ancient Romans still remain—remain to benefit and bless millions now living, and other millions yet unborn. Shall not America learn wisdom of imperial Rome?

## The Good Roads Movement

A joint meeting of the Illinois Good Roads Association and the National Good Roads Association is to be held at the Auditorium Hotel, Chicago, on Lincoln's birthday, February 12. It was rightly thought by the officials of these organizations that no more fitting way could be found for celebrating the natal day of Illinois' greatest son than to hold a great Good Roads convention with the avowed purpose of aiding in the establishment throughout the nation of a complete and adequate system of public

highways. This convention promises to be a great success in every way.

It may also be announced that a meeting of the National Good Roads Congress will be held in the city of Baltimore early in April. Recently the writer, the secretary of this organization, visited that city for the purpose of conferring with Mayor Mahool and Governor Crothers regarding this proposed convention. He found these officials very enthusiastic and ready to cooperate to the utmost to make the congress a success. Baltimore's great newspapers and the representatives of the various civic and commercial bodies were found equally interested and enthusiastic. Baltimore never does things by halves. Look out for the greatest Good Roads convention ever held at Baltimore next April.

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## A Good Combination

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# THE HOME ORCHARD

By Dr. T. E. Loope, Ex-President Wisconsin Horticultural Society

It is quite needless to enter into a discussion of the healthfulness, the aid to digestion, and all the dietetic excellence of that king of fruits, the apple, for it is almost, if not quite a self-evident fact; at least it is an accepted fact. You all know how that pan of apples and pitcher of cider have come down to us from time immemorial in winter evening stories. I must confess that the cider never appealed to my appetite, for of all drinks, hard cider, rank, and often a nauseous beverage for me. But apples are delicious and never pall upon the taste, be the season harvest or cold winter. How the children love them—and that, if nothing else, makes them valuable.



Dr. T. E. Loope

## Care of Trees

If the farmer cannot have apples in abundance when he has the space and soil to grow them, then nobody can afford them, for he is getting to be the aristocrat in these days of registered cattle, hogs with lofty titles, and sheep and horses of princely pedigree; these days of silos and parlor-fitted stables. Groom your apple trees well, blanket their roots, cross their breeds to add to their vitality, dehorn their branches, feed them balanced rations, and then, if they are blue-blooded stock, they will emerge from the frosts of winter like thoroughbreds and gladden your hearts with robes of gorgeous hue, with heavenly fragrance exhaling like sweet incense from their flower-strewn branches, and from the chrysalis dots on every limb when flowers are past emerges at last the perfect, heaven-born fruit, whose delectable nectar is food fit for the gods.

A good part of the disbelief of the adaptability of our northern climate and soil to the production of fruit trees comes from the idea that when once planted a tree should grow and produce fruit without further care or attention on the part of its owner.

## Common Sense Necessary in Planting the Orchard

In planting trees to furnish fruit for himself and family, the would-be orchardist should take, before he commences, a long draught of common sense and use it as he would in raising cattle or hogs or corn. If he will do this, he can succeed and add to his secret belief that he is a wise and shrewd being.

First select your trees with care, having in your list the varieties to cover the longest season possible. Dig large holes two or three feet in diameter, at least large enough to accommodate the roots, and deep enough to place them three to six inches lower than they were in the nursery row. Trim the broken and bruised roots, leaving all small fibrous

roots possible. The top must be cut back to balance the roots. Place the tree in the hole upright and fill in some good top soil, straightening out the fibrous roots and pressing the dirt firmly about them, leaving no vacancies in any place. Fill and firm the soil as you go till the hole is filled somewhat higher than the surrounding earth. Having done this much well, the orchardist has usually prided himself on

having performed his whole duty, but this is a great mistake. He naturally supposes that bounteous nature will do the rest.

## Enemies of Fruit Trees

If a tree dies, as trees often do, replace it. Spray in spring according to well-established usage; thump your trees in June and catch the curculio on a sheet and pinch his head. If you persevere, as you must, you will have the gratification of having fruit for yourself and family. What I have said of planting apples applies to plums, cherries, and all fruit trees.

## Beware of "Tree Sharks"

In buying fruit trees, go to your local nursery, or to some man you know, who is selling fruit trees and has an honest reputation. The tree shark infests the country, and has an insinuating manner and a smooth tongue. He sells you any variety you select from one bundle at double the price your home nurseries ask. Beware of the man who offers to plant and care for your orchard for five years. He charges a dollar a tree, replaces the trees that die, does the pruning, etc. He wants half the money down and the rest at the end of five years. He gets it and gets out of the country, and you get it in the neck.

## Cultivate Your Orchard

Remember that trees die, even as your neighbors drop out occasionally. Remember that trees that bear most die soonest. They are the trees I most desire to plant. The shy-bearing tree occupies valuable ground without corresponding benefit. Don't imagine, when your trees are large, that you can grow full crops of other products on the same ground, and because you can't grow other crops, don't let the June grass or weeds occupy your orchard. Cultivate and clover your orchard alternately. Don't imagine that a good orchard will flourish on impoverished soil, or on a gravel bed, for the drought will kill them as surely as it would any other crop.

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**Begonia Failing.**—"I put by begonias in the cellar in December. Nearly all have lost their leaves, and many of the stalks are dying." (C. P. K.) The begonia cannot be wintered safely in the cellar. The only plants that can be wintered there to advantage are those of a deciduous nature—kinds which, if grown out of doors, would drop their leaves in autumn, and remain dormant through the winter. These are all hard-wooded plants. Soft-wooded ones almost always fail in cold storage.

**Vine Wanted.**—"We are having a wide veranda built onto our house this winter. I would like to plant a vine by it next spring to furnish shade. Want one of rapid growth. Would prefer a flowering one. What would you recommend?" (Mrs. T. S.)

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**Lime as a Fertilizer.**—"I have been told that ground or pulverized limestone is preferable to lime itself for fertilizing purposes. Is this so?" (W. W. R.)

Never having used either, I am unable to give any information. If the limestone contains the same properties of lime, grinding it must, I should suppose, make those properties quite available as they are in ordinary lime. This, however, is a question for the scientific agriculturalist to answer.

**Pruning Shrubs.**—"Should syringas and shrubs of that kind be pruned every year? If so, how much?" (Miss C. E. C.)

A shrub should be pruned *when it needs it*, and never otherwise. It needs pruning when it is unsymmetrical, and when some of its branches are weak, or when it is too thick. But if it is well shaped, and has strong, healthy wood, and the air can circulate freely through it, let it alone. It is all a mistake to think a shrub must be pruned each spring, simply because it is spring, and the farmer prunes his fruit-bearing plants. He prunes to get more or better fruit. Your shrub is grown to look beautiful, and as long as it fulfills that purpose, be satisfied with it. In other words, "Let well enough alone."

**Camphor for Worms.**—"I have somewhere read that spirits of camphor will kill worms in the soil of pot-plants. Will it?" (Mrs. C. E. K.)

Sometimes it will. Sometimes it will not. The difference in result is attributable, I presume, to a difference in the strength of the camphor solution. I

have a friend who is a very successful grower of house-plants, who depends entirely upon camphor in fighting worms. She uses a tablespoonful of the solution to five quarts of water. She tells me she has never had a plant injured by it, and that it works better with her than the lime solution which I generally advise.

## Seasonable Suggestions

Save all the cuttings you can. Root them for use in your outdoor garden next summer.

Give the plants in the window more water as growth increases, because increasing growth means more roots to drink up moisture.

Apply fertilizers to plants coming into bloom. But don't use "too much of a good thing." Never lose sight of the fact that a sturdy development is a healthy one, while a slender, long-jointed one is the opposite. Therefore, do not feed your plants enough rich food to *force* them.

Give fresh air liberally. Make use of all the sunshine possible. Keep the air moist. And keep your plants clean.

Select your seeds for next summer's garden. And while you are doing this, plan that garden. Make it on paper, in advance of the season. Decide just where the annuals you select shall be planted. If this is done, and you look over your plan with "the mind's eye," after it is made, you may be able to discover mistakes which should be corrected before the real garden materializes.

In planning your garden, consider something more than size in locating your plants. Color is really more important. Aim to get colors that harmonize alongside of each other. If there is any doubt about harmony, use neutral-colored flowers between. This will prevent discord in the color-scheme, and at the same time heighten the general effect by color contrast. Our gardens would be greatly improved, as a general thing, if we made use of more white flowered plants in them.

## Some Excellent Perennials

A plant that deserves a place in every garden is the Herbaceous Spirea rosea. This sends up flower-stalks five and six feet tall, crowned with feathery flowers of the daintiest pink—great plumes of bloom, that are quite as graceful as anything I know of in the flower line.

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Written for This Paper by Virginia Riverton

**I** BRING a message of deliverance to the toiling army of women who are literally wearing their lives away on the washboard. The romance and the happiness of women's lives have been sacrificed in this form of slavery long enough. The labors of our husbands and fathers have been lightened by hundreds of inventions. Just imagine what a chorus of protest would go up if only one of these labor-saving inventions—the modern harvester—were taken from them and they were forced to reap grain with a sickle!

Yet, here in modern America, boasting of the highest civilization, millions of women are condemned for life to this worst form of drudgery. For what is more pitiable than to see a woman bending over a tub of steaming suds—rubbing, rubbing, rubbing on a washboard until her arms and back ache, her hands are raw, and beads of perspiration roll down her hot cheeks? And the same work must be done week after week and year after year!

As a woman who speaks from long experience, I can testify that doing a family washing by hand-rubbing is the most tiresome, tedious, nerve-racking and health-destroying drudgery that the busy housewife is called upon to perform.

## How it all Happened

One day, after I had done an extra big washing, I sat down in sheer exhaustion, and tried to read a story in one of the magazines. But I was actually so worn out and brain-weary that I couldn't follow the thread of the story. So I glanced through the advertisements. One of these advertisements instantly attracted my attention. It told of a remarkable washing machine made in Binghamton, N. Y., which almost worked itself. The most astonishing claim made for it was that it would wash a tubful of dirty garments in from two to six minutes! The advertisement went on to say that the manufacturer of the washer would send one anywhere on thirty days' free trial. Now I had seen "free trial" offers before, but I was always suspicious of them. A friend of mine once wrote for some article offered on a "free trial" and the firm wrote her a letter asking for the cash "on deposit."

I said to myself there must be a "catch" somewhere in this offer of a 1900 Gravity Washer on free trial. By this time I was thoroughly interested in the new washer, and as it only took the price of a postal card to test it, I decided to write to the firm for their free book telling about the washer.

## Decided to Risk a Penny

Well, I must admit that what that little book said about the washer almost took my breath away. It all seemed too good to be true. The

book made the free trial offer just as strong as it was in the advertisement. But I was still skeptical about it. I felt sure that there was a string tied to that 1900 Gravity Washer that would hold it in Binghamton, N. Y., until the company saw some real money. But I picked out the style of washer I wanted and again I ventured. I wrote the 1900 Washer Company something like this:

"Please send me the Gravity Washer shown on page 2, for thirty days' free trial."

I was so busy during the next few days that the incident was quite forgotten. I never expected the Company to keep its promise. Imagine my surprise when I received notice that there was a washing machine at the depot, all charges fully paid. Maybe I didn't send for it in a hurry!

We had a big washing that week and some of the garments were dreadfully soiled—the children's especially. In a few minutes all was ready. I noted the time and gave the machine a start.

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## Women Pass the Word Along

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I sincerely hope that every woman who reads this will send for the 1900 Washer Company's book that tells about this great labor-saver. The address of the Company is 29 Henry Street, Binghamton, N. Y. If you live in Canada, address The Canadian 1900 Washer Co., 355 Yonge St., Toronto, Can. Just send them your name and address on a postal card.

I am sure you will thank me for having told you about the machine that really washes a tub full of clothes in from two to six minutes.

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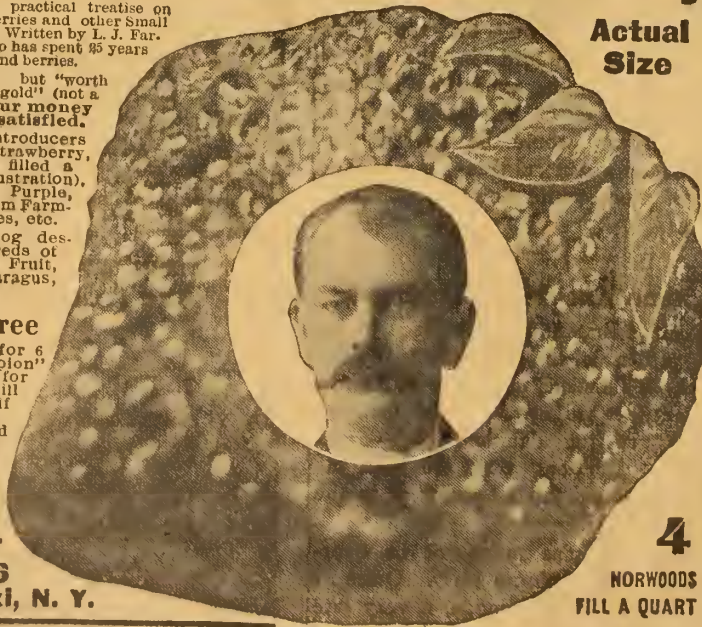
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It was in the year 1854 that I became a captain in the New York police force. This position came to me as the result of successful service during the five years previous. My success was due largely to the valuable assistance of a dog that I had trained for the business. I entered the force a young fellow twenty-one years old, and soon found out that with the right kind of a dog to help me, I could succeed where others would have failed. So the second year of my service I got hold of a pup which I thought would be the right sort. He was part collie and part bulldog, so I thought he would have the sagacity of the former and the fighting qualities of the latter. In this I was not mistaken. Sport, as I had named him, made good beyond my anticipation. He seemed to be almost human in his understanding. If he was told to wait at a certain place until I returned, he was sure to be at his post, no matter how long I remained away.

At this time there was a noted criminal sojourning in New York, Slippery Jack, by name. Several times the best detectives had failed to "pinch" him because of his great shrewdness and ingenuity in eluding them. But as there is an end to every bad man's career, so there was to that of Slippery Jack.

While out on a certain night by the order of the chief, on a special case, I was walking through an alley behind one of the city's banks, Sport at my heels. It was a very dark night, and there being no lamp of any kind in the alley, I stood still a moment in order that my eyes should get used to the darkness. I was ready to go on when Sport gave a low growl. Stooping down in order to see better, I noticed a man working with a crowbar at the bank building, trying to get in. Slowly advancing, I saw the man had succeeded in prying a window and was in the act of stepping over the sill, having one of his legs already inside the building. I thought that now was my opportunity and shouted, "Sport, forward! Charge!"

The dog, not knowing what fear was, jumped forward and took hold of the burglar with his powerful teeth. The man being thus taken by surprise, gave a loud yell of agony, for the teeth of the dog had entered deep into his flesh. Running up to the dog's assistance and putting the handcuffs on my prisoner was but the work of a moment. The man lying prostrate on his back, I ordered him to get up and walk. No sooner did he stand erect than he gave a shrill whistle and another man jumped out of a dark recess and grabbed me by the throat. Foolish fellow! Sport seizing his right arm with his teeth gave me a chance to hit him on the head with my club, and before he had a chance to recover his senses, I had him handcuffed also, luckily having another pair of bracelets with me.

I ordered the men to get out of the alley into the street, where there was more light, while, with Sport, I followed, watching them closely. When we got into the street, I gave the proper signal by beating the pavement of the sidewalk several successive raps with my club, when two regular policemen appeared and took care of the prisoners by leading them to the next station.

The next day they were taken before the court and sentenced to two years in the state's prison at Sing Sing, upon my evidence, the judge letting them off easy because convicted only of the attempt at burglary. When they were led away to Sing Sing, Slippery Jack, passing close by me, muttered between his teeth, "You cur, we'll meet again. Then I'll 'fix' you."

Sport became a great favorite with all the detectives on the force, and many tried to coax him away from me with caresses and tidbits, but in vain. As time wore on, Sport became more and more helpful, and proved faithful and loyal to his master.

So successful had I been in the performance of my duties that I was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. This aroused the envy and jealousy of Mike Hart, a man who had been my rival for promotion for some time. He was one of the best men on the force and would have been my superior had it not been for this most valuable assistance given me by Sport. It was no wonder, then, that this man tried everything in his power to ruin me. By slander and misrepresentation of my doings to the chief, he was so successful that I lost my rank of lieutenant and was reduced to the ranks when Mike Hart was put in my place. I went home disheartened and discouraged, and wondered whether it would not be best to resign and ask for my discharge. Then was I reminded of my position in life. I had but a few days before betrothed myself to a beautiful girl, Molly Mueller, who, I was convinced, loved me with a true woman's affection. Should I resign, I would have to postpone our contemplated marriage, or give it up altogether. At this moment Sport crept up to me and, licking the tears from my face that had started unconsciously, gave a low, pitiful moan, as if to say, "Never despair, dear friend; let us keep on with our battles, and victory will surely come in the end."

Pardon me, dear reader, but the tears flowed again, but these were tears of joy that such a faithful friend was mine, even though he was only a dog—noble fellow.

It was then a gentle rap came at the door, and Molly called me for supper, for I was boarding with her mother, who was a widow. I said, "All right; I'll be ready in a moment." After arranging my toilet, I left the room, closely followed by Sport. When I entered the dining-room and Molly looked at me, she became alarmed at once at my troubled and disheveled appearance.

"Clarence," she cried, "What is the matter? I see you've been weeping." Sport seemed to understand what she said, for he leaped up and caressed me with his tongue.

When I had told Mollie all, she put her arms around Sport's neck and said, "Noble dog, you're right, never give up when you're in the right. Clarence, your fight is my fight; we'll fight it out together."

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ment, Mike Hart came in and handed me a written order from the chief. This order directed me to go at midnight to a certain corner at the Five Points, the most dangerous place in all New York, to ferret out the whereabouts of a noted crook, Handy Bill, by name. At said corner, at the appointed time, I was accosted by a woman with a shawl over her head to conceal her features. She told me that Handy Bill was on his death-bed and wanted to see me and wished to make a final confession that would reveal a deep-laid plot of robbery and murder. So I told her to go on and I would follow.

I motioned to Sport to stand guard near the door while I followed the woman. Near the corner stood a rickety cottage, which we entered. In one corner I saw a bed upon which a man was lying, moaning as if in great agony. He muttered something which I could not understand, so I bent my head down nearer to his, that I might catch the meaning of his words. Hardly had I done so, when another man entered through a door in the rear and quicker than I can say it, had me down. The man on the bed jumped up fully dressed and together they pinned me to the floor. The one who had been shamming sickness was no other than Slippery Jack and by his cry of "Revenge" I had recognized him at once.

In the power of such men my heart stood still for a moment with fear, for I knew I would have to die as nothing could save me now. But hark! What sound was that? A loud crash, the door flew open and in rushed Sport to my rescue. Noble dog! Hearing the scramble within, he knew at once that I was helpless and that he would have to fight alone and acted accordingly. He jumped with his full might like a sledge hammer upon the back of the accomplice, stunning him. Then he seized Slippery Jack by the throat, which relieved me so that I could free my right arm, draw my revolver, and kill both my assailants, but I did not fire. I would not be a coward. I would not take human life, simply because I had the chance. My life was not in danger now. So I struck Jack on the jaw with the butt of my pistol, which stunned him for a moment. Then getting on my feet I was free and had no trouble in chaining the two men together with the bracelets. I opened the window and fired twice in quick succession into the air, the signal for great danger. The loud report was (Concluded on page twenty-seven.)

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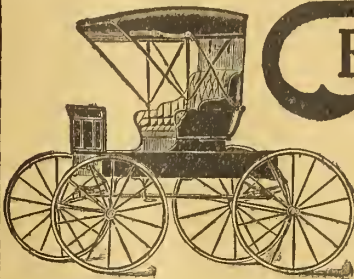
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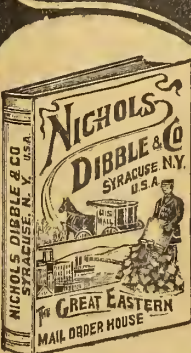
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### Cost

If the grain a hen eats in a year is measured, it will be found to be about a bushel, but this need not all be expensive wheat. In addition, she will need considerable green food, bone, and grit. The yearly cost of a hen's board in the East runs from seventy-five cents to one dollar. The Utah Station and my own accounts give sixty cents for the West. To get at cost, a poulterer cannot watch every pint, but must measure a considerable quantity of grain, etc., and put it in bins, boxes, or barrels by itself. One woman who did so, told me her husband muddled her by feeding the preacher's horse from her hens' portion.

A hen's four stomachs show she is meant for variety of food and bulky food. Nor would the Lord have given her four stomachs to pour slop through, one stomach, like the pig's, answering that purpose as well as more.

### The Ideal Hen

Neither a glutton nor a hungry hen is our ideal, but a compact, active one. A hen to produce a great product needs an eating capacity, as good cows do. She must show room for food, have length, like Spanish fowls, or depth, like Wyandottes. She should have prominent breast and lungs, pliable neck, and velvety comb, the last indicating a soft skin and good health.

### Corn for Foods

Corn is the grain which gives most value for its price. It can be fed winter nights, especially in cold locations, to active fowls and by a skillful feeder who balances its fattening qualities by meat, etc. It is reported that the Amherst, Mass., Agricultural College poultryman said corn was the best grain for poultry. When I got his bulletin, what he did say was that corn was the best for Leghorns. One glance would show you they could be differently fed from lazy cochins.

### Green Foods

Green food colors egg yolks, makes them hatch well, furnishes shells, keeps fowls healthy, and is cheap. Herbs of all sorts, catnip, spearmint, horse-radish, nettle, plantain, dandelion, etc., when chopped and added to their pudding, are relished by chicks that would not eat the pungent things clear.

### Protein Foods

Where meat is not available, some may be glad to have their attention called to the protein foods. A teacup of either bean or linseed meals added to a four-quart pudding of mixed grain, furnishes chickens an excellent builder. Beans can be ground at any feed mill, or can be cooked and mashed. Ducks, however, must have an animal builder, like cheese or meat, to agree with their natural fish-eating nature. My hens laid nearly one and one-half dozen eggs apiece in January, aided by a home-

made condition powder of mashed beans, Venetian red (a form of iron), and red peppers of my own raising. This was when "red albumen," that fake of oyster shells and common red clay, was selling at sixty cents a pound.

With large flocks, I have succeeded in getting one hundred and forty-five eggs apiece a year, and that is good work. The only hens I was ever acquainted with that did better were very small flocks, carefully selected, fed on table scraps, petted, studied, etc. But the 200-egg-a-year hen is as possible as the 12,000-pounds-milk-a-year cow.

### Making Averages

There are different ways of making averages. Mine are made monthly, each hen counted for each day, or part of a month, present. After half are sold, I do not say those left laid all the eggs. One man, when closely catechised, admitted his total was what the hens would have yielded, had every hen done her duty.

### Water

The old theory that brown eggs are better than white ones is exploded. Individual eggs in the same breed differ more, so you can keep the kind of fowls you fancy. The proportion of solids to each other is always about the same with any hen's egg, but she puts in more or less water, as she has it. Like a dairy cow at her normal, which can add flow, but no more richness, so a well-fed hen at her normal can simply add water. It is distilled, flavored water, desired and sold at a high price, an honest watering of stock. Each fowl needs five to eight ounces a day, in dishes easily and regularly cleaned, or she ceases to drink.

### Quarters

A house large enough for days is bleak at night. If snug at night, it is crowded days. Therefore, build a good lodging room and a cheaper day affair, a scratching or shed room, according to the protected or non-protected situation. The value of a south exposure I know in figures. A tank-house is south of one hen-house and between it and another previously constructed. In winter, when the sun "runs low," the right-hand house is shaded about three hours in the late afternoon. The left-hand house about an equal time each morning. Repeated trials with thermometer showed whichever house was then in shade was seven to twelve degrees colder than the other house.

### Parasites

Two divisions of parasites are the main affliction of hens, namely, lice, which are true insects, and mites, of the spider family. Some lice breed in filth and are scavengers only. Most of them breed on the fowls, and many are blood-suckers. Mites live in roosts, nests, walls, coops, etc., coming out at night to feast on blood, then retiring to their haunts through days. To avoid lice, clean the hens. To avoid mites, clean the house. A shallow box, in a sunny spot, with mellow dust inside, assists the hens in their care of themselves. Every bit of poultry-house furniture should be simple and movable to facilitate easy cleaning, a thing not true of some expensive outfits.



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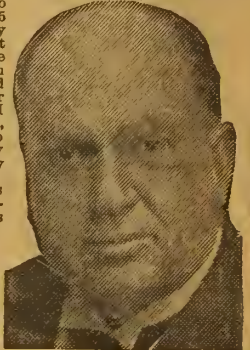
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### How to Use Them in Winter

By Mabel Deval

#### Apple Charlotte

One pound cooking apples, 3 ounces currants, 4 ounces beef suet, 6 ounces bread crumbs, 4 ounces brown or white sugar, half a lemon. Peel, core and slice the apples. Chop suet finely and mix both together. Butter a pie dish and fill it with alternate layers of bread crumbs and suet, apples, and currants. Sprinkle each layer with sugar and grated lemon rind. Reserve sufficient bread crumbs to sprinkle over the top, place here and there a small piece of butter, and bake in a moderately heated oven for about an hour and a quarter. To serve, unmold the shape on a hot dish, sprinkle over with a little sugar flavored with ground cinnamon.

#### Baked Quinces

Take ripe quinces, pare and quarter them, cut out the seeds; then stew them in clear water until a straw will pierce them; put into a baking dish with half a cupful of loaf sugar to every eight quinces; pour over them the liquor in which they were boiled, cover closely, and bake in the oven one hour, then take out the quinces and put them into a covered dish; return the syrup to the saucepan and boil twenty minutes; then pour over the quinces and set them away to cool.

#### Dried Fruit Pies

Wash the fruit thoroughly, soak over night in water enough to cover. In the morning, stew slowly, until nearly done, in the same water. Sweeten to taste. The crust, both upper and under, should be rolled thin; a thick crust to a fruit pie is undesirable.

#### Peach Cream

Mash very smooth two cupfuls of canned peaches, rub them through a sieve, and cook for three minutes in a syrup made by boiling together one cupful of sugar, and stirring all the time. Place the pan containing the syrup and peaches into another of boiling water and add one-half packet of gelatine, and stir for five minutes to thoroughly dissolve the gelatine; then take it from the fire, place in a pan of ice water, beat until nearly cool, and then add the well-frothed whites of six eggs. Beat this whole mixture until it commences to harden. Then pour into a mould, set away to cool, and serve with cream and sugar. It should be placed on the ice to cool for two or three hours before serving.

#### Quince Snow

Quarter five fair-looking quinces and boil them till they are tender in water, then peel them and push them through a coarse sieve. Sweeten to the taste, and add the whites of three or four eggs. Then, with an egg-whisk, beat all to a stiff froth and pile with a spoon upon a glass dish and set away in the ice-box unless it is to be served immediately.

#### Victoria Buns

One and a half pounds of flour, 6 ounces butter, 6 ounces sugar, one-fourth pound currants, 2 ounces peel, 3 eggs, one-half pint milk, three-fourths ounce cream of tartar, one-fourth ounce carbonate of soda. Sieve the cream and soda with the flour on the board and

make a bay; lay the fruit and peel around, put in the butter and sugar, and rub together till smooth; add the eggs, and wet up into a medium dough; lay out on greased tins about 2 ounces of the paste in long buns, dredge sugar over, and bake in a moderate oven.

#### Lunch Cakes

Half pound butter, 12 ounces sugar, 14 ounces flour, 6 ounces currants, 1 ounce peel, one-fourth ounce baking powder, 4 eggs, 1 gill milk, essence of lemon. Sift the baking powder with the flour onto a sheet of paper on the board; add the fruit and peel. Cream up butter and sugar, adding eggs in the usual way; stir in the flour, fruit, etc., and work, i. e., beat up, to cake batter consistency with the milk. Scale into round papered tins, and bake in a moderately heated oven.

#### Oatmeal Currant Biscuits

Half pound flour, one-fourth pound coarse oatmeal, 2 ounces brown sugar, 2 ounces currants, 1 gill milk. Mix the flour, oatmeal and sugar, warm the butter in the milk, add the currants, and then work the whole together into a paste; roll out very thinly, stamp out into rounds or other shape, place them on a baking tin, and bake them in a moderate oven for about twenty minutes.

#### Sago and Apple Pudding

Quarter pound fine sago, one-fourth pound currants, 6 cooking apples, 1 ounce butter, 2 ounces white sugar, one-half lemon. Put the sago into a stewpan with 3 cupfuls of cold water, and boil till the sago becomes transparent, stirring all the time; next add the thin rind of one-half a lemon, the currants, and the sugar. Butter a pie dish, put in the apples (previously peeled, cored, and sliced), and pour over these the sago preparation. Put the remainder of butter in small bits on the top, and bake until the apples are tender. Serve with a custard.

#### German Currant Pancakes

Half pound brown bread crumbs, 2 ounces butter, 4 ounces currants, 4 eggs, 1 pound cooking apples, 2 ounces sugar, ground cinnamon. Peel, core, and slice the apples, and cook them to a puree. Melt about one-half ounce butter in a pancake pan, sprinkle in about 1 ounce of bread crumbs, mix the apple puree with the currants and sugar, and put a layer of it on top of the crumbs; beat up the eggs and pour in just enough to cover the apple puree. Sprinkle over some more bread crumbs and a little ground cinnamon, then bake in a fairly hot oven for about ten minutes. Turn out on a dish, besprinkle with sugar, and serve. Continue to cook the remainder of material in the same manner. The above quantity of ingredients will make six good-sized pancakes.

#### Peach Cake for Dessert

Bake three sheets of sponge cake as for jelly cake; cut canned peaches in thin slices, or chop them; prepare cream by whipping, sweetening, and adding flavor of vanilla, if desired; put layers of peaches between the sheets of cake; pour cream over each layer and over the top. To be eaten soon after it is prepared.



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**Opening Canned Fruit**

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on; if the can was opened by inserting  
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 state are beginning  
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 tage of a small  
 fruit garden, and  
 yet a goodly num-  
 ber of those who  
 are interested in  
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 suits give but little  
 thought to the  
 raising of enough  
 fruit for the fam-  
 ily use, and it  
 seems to me that  
 still more care  
 and attention  
 should be given to  
 this subject of  
 supplying our own  
 tables with fresh  
 fruit throughout  
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 product of the small fruit garden, but  
 there are other advantages to be de-  
 rived.

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 taken care of, we have something that  
 will interest the children and help to  
 keep them at home. I believe a well  
 kept fruit garden makes the farm more  
 valuable, and the home life more pleas-  
 ant and attractive. The farmer of today  
 whose home grounds are kept neat and  
 attractive, the lawn dotted here and  
 there with ornamental shrubbery, the  
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 farm products and the cultivations to  
 bring them to maturity, can grow small  
 fruits. So much is written nowadays  
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 if in short rows.  
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 ries in rows three  
 and one-half or  
 four feet apart and  
 place the plants  
 about two feet  
 apart in the rows.

All the cane fruits should be in rows  
 seven or eight feet apart and plants  
 about three or four feet apart in the  
 rows. Grapes should not be set closer  
 than eight feet apart.

If plants are set late in the fall, mulch  
 as stated above; if set in the spring, cul-  
 tivate immediately after and continue  
 frequently throughout the season. Hoe  
 often to keep down the weeds between  
 the plants in the row. Do not let your  
 work stop as soon as the plants are set.  
 The man who plants his corn and pota-  
 toes and expects the crop to grow and  
 produce abundantly without cultivation  
 or hoeing does not have to look for a  
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 down and covering with dirt. Do not  
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 which destroys them for fruiting the  
 following year. Strawberry beds should  
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## Twenty Years an Outlaw

By Pat Crowe

(Continued from page five.)

the time that would be set for my trial. I had about completed these arrangements and had prepared to give myself up to the county sheriff, when a trusted friend came to my hiding-place and informed me that the chief of police had declared himself and informed the messenger that I must surrender to the chief of police, and not to the sheriff, adding that if I failed to comply with his request, his men, forty of whom were in plain citizen's clothes, had been detailed to bring me in, and would capture or kill me inside of twenty-four hours.

I paid little heed to this declaration from the chief of police, and after a short talk with him over the telephone, I informed him that my intentions were to give myself up to the sheriff, and that if his plain-clothes men attacked me, I would probably die in the mixup.

It was but a few hours after this short conversation with the chief over the telephone that I found myself partly surrounded by four of his picked men. It was just dusk in the evening when the four officers stepped from a passing street car and formed a half-circle around me. At once, without a word, all four opened fire, and continued to shoot until their revolvers were empty. Two of them had been following me for some time, and had telephoned to the central station for assistance. They were soon joined by two more, and the four determined to take no chances, but to kill me on sight. It was plain to be seen that they shot to kill. Nevertheless, I escaped without a scratch. The failure of the twenty-four shots fired with intent to kill, with only a space of ten feet between us, seemed to lend truth to the statement of the press that I, like Geronimo, the warrior chief of the Apaches, bore a charmed life. During the mixup, I shot one of the officers in the leg, who was carried away in the police ambulance to a hospital, where the bullet was extracted from his leg. The wound not being serious, he soon recovered.

The vicinity where the shooting took place was soon surrounded by police and citizens, and a search for my body began. The four officers insisted that my body must have been riddled with the bullets from their revolvers; stating, also, their belief that I would be found dead close to the scene of action. The result was, that all the weeds in the vacant lots close by were mowed down, while cellars and empty buildings were searched, yet no trace of me could they find. "Where is Pat Crowe?" was the police puzzle of Omaha for days.

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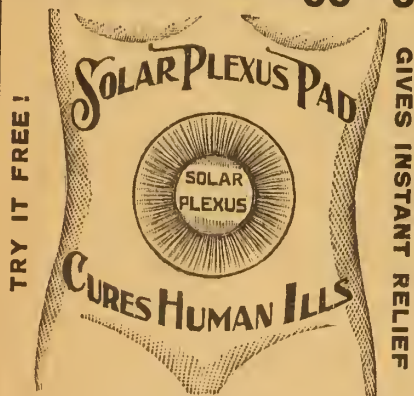


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On Love, Courtship, Marriage, Home

By Rev. Charles Edward Odell

### Father: Priest of the Household

Many things have been spoken and written—yet not one syllable too many—about the happy and holy influence of a good mother, but there yet remains a solid philosophy in the old adage, "Like father, like son."

You no more surely cast a shadow upon the ground on a bright, beautiful day than you, as father, impress your moral shadow upon your home and your household. The father is the head of the house for good or evil. He ordains the law, he fixes the precedents, he helps very largely to create the home atmosphere, and the "order of the home" remains in the habits of the children, though they migrate to the ends of the earth. Truly, under the Divine plan, the priest of the home.

"His father was a Catholic," or, "His father was a Protestant," as a rule, determines the religious belief and position of half of the people of the country. "His father was a Republican," or, "His father was a Democrat," is the only reason given for a large number of ballots cast at any state or national election.

"He is a chip off the old block" is a very apt statement, in common use today, in giving identity of child to parent. They mean to say, "That son is like his father in thought, in habits, in character, as well as in looks." But if the "old block" is bad in its appearance, gnarly, cross-grained, and partially decayed, what about the chips?

In nature, the life of leaf, flower, and fruit is merged into that of other leaves, and flowers, and fruits that follow after. So it is also with human life. Here is a father, toiling, planning, sacrificing for his children. He never thinks of himself. In youth, he was strong, fresh, vigorous. As the years creep upon him, the fire goes out from his eye; the iron from his blood; the elasticity from his step; his form is less erect, bent with the burden of years. His life force and power have been given freely to his children. But the father's influence is far more far-reaching. He is making impressions every day for good or ill on the sensitive soul-plate of his every child. Every father should remember that his influence will have measure, not in the profession he makes, the long prayers he utters, and the sermonic lectures he delivers to his children—but in the life he lives.

Ceremony inducts the king or the president into his official position. Not so the parent. When a man becomes a father, there can be, on his part, no evasion of responsibility. He cannot say, "I decline to act." The most important office in the world is that of parenthood. In the development of society and of nations, the father was the first magistrate and priest.

You know how children learn most readily, not from precept, but from example. You well remember how they watched your every move; how they stood by your knee or sat in your lap, intently interested in all you said or

did. You have watched their eyes grow big with wonder as you related some incident in your day's experience. You were a king in their eyes. Your station in life might have been humble, your home not entirely free from want, and your heart and life far from satisfactory to yourself, yet, to those childish minds, you were nobility itself. Hence how grave your responsibility. If our children can see every day in their home a man fixed in kindness, thoughtfulness, cheerfulness, helpfulness, a man who speaks the truth and can deny himself and trust God; a man who thinks more of high character than he does of cattle, bonds, stocks, style, and fast living, they will have good thoughts enough themselves, about such a man, and of the beauty of such a life, as are necessary to inspire them to noble living. Children are keen observers—especially of their parents. This truth is evidenced by the reply a little boy gave his Sunday school teacher who asked him if his father were a Christian. Without the least hesitation, he replied: "Yes, ma'am; but he does not work at it very much." We cannot hide our graces, much less our faults, from our children's eyes. They love us, hence they will give us credit for a thousandfold more of goodness than we ever possess. What will prove most effective in winning our children to the true way of life is sincere, earnest, constant, unselfish love—the same love as is so beautifully revealed in the parable of the prodigal.

A father had a stubborn son who ran away from home with a large sum of money. Some months afterward, the father was told that his son had returned to the city and was very ill in a house of shame. The father thought, "Shall I go and see him there?" At length, in company with a detective, he went. He was horribly disgusted when he entered the louse, but when he looked upon the bed, and saw the young man asleep, haggard and dissipated, he noticed his eyelash tremble, and there came from under it a tear. This moved the heart of the father, and he said, "I am his father, he is my son, my child!" The father put from his mind his disgust at the whole surroundings, awakened his son, and he looked tenderly upon him, saying, "My poor boy, will you come home?" The wretched youth whispered, "Father, if you can forgive me, take me away from here." It was a sad home-coming, but all the way the father said, "He is my boy!" By so doing did this earthly father convince his wayward boy that there exists for him a still greater love in the heart of the great All Father.

The great need of society today is to get the "man" in the household. We speak of "the man behind the gun," "the man in the chair," "the man in the office," "the man in the pulpit." We express our need and admiration for the "man" everywhere, but too often fail to put the true emphasis upon the "man" in the home.

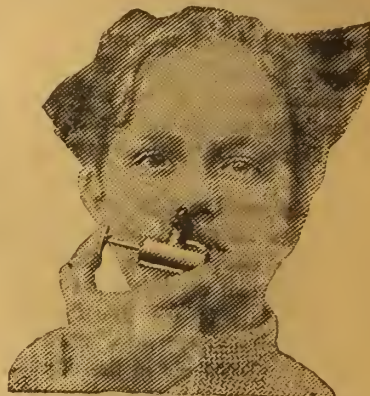
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I was ready to follow when I noticed the woman trying violently to get out of the house, but she was held back by Sport. Sagacious dog, he seemed to suspect the woman must not leave without my consent. Covering the woman with my revolver, I told her to tell me quickly by whose direction she helped to entrap me.

"Kill me if you dare, I will not tell you," she said.

So I changed my tactics when I saw that I could not frighten her that way. "Sport," I said, "Charge!" and the faithful dog bore her down on her knees.

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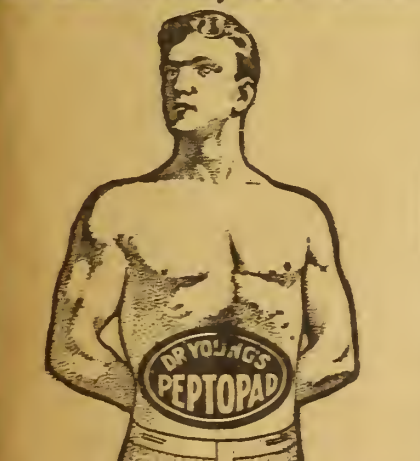
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words, and Jasper Hume put the book in his hands with the words, "No, Jeff Hyde, take it. It will bring luck to the White Guard. Put it where I have carried it, and keep it safe until I come back."

Jeff Hyde placed the book in his bosom, but hearing a guttural "Ugh" behind him, turned round defiantly. The Indian touched his arm and said, "Good! Strong-back book—good!" Jeff was satisfied.

At this point they parted, Jeff Hyde and Gaspe Toujours remaining, and Jasper Hume and his two followers going on toward Manitou Mountain. There seemed little probability that Varre Lepage would be found. In their progress eastward and northward they had covered wide areas of country, dividing and meeting again after stated hours of travel, but not a sign had been seen: neither cairn nor staff nor any mark of human presence.

Jasper Hume had noticed Jeff Hyde's face when it was turned to the eddying drifts of the north, and he understood what was in the experienced huntsman's mind. He knew that severe weather was before them, and that the greatest difficulty of the journey was to be encountered. Yet, somehow, the fear that possessed him when the book was taken from his breast had left him, and he reaped in his act of self-sacrifice a larger courage and rarer strength than that which had heretofore stayed on this cheerless journey.

That night they saw Manitou Mountain, cold colossal, harshly calm; and jointly with that sight there arose a shrieking, biting, fearful north wind. It blew upon them in cruel meance of conquest, in piercing inclemency. It struck a freezing terror to their hearts, and grew in violent attack until, as if repenting that it had foregone its power to save, the sun suddenly grew red and angry and spread out a shield of blood along the bastions of the west. The wind shrunk back and grew less murderous, and ere the last red arrows shot up behind the lonely western wall of white, the three knew that the worst of the storm had passed and that death had drawn back for a time. What Jasper Hume thought; we shall gather



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Another day passes, and at night, after a hard march, they camp five miles from Manitou Mountain. And not a sign! But Jasper Hume knows that there is a faint chance of Varre Lepage being found at this mountain. His iron frame has borne the hardships of this journey well; his valiant heart better. But this night an unaccountable weakness possesses him. Mind and body are on the verge of helplessness and faintness. Jacques seems to understand that, and when he is unhitched from the team of dogs, now dwindled to seven, he goes to his master and leaps upon his breast. It was as if some instinct of sympathy, of prescience, was passing between the man and the dog. Jasper Hume bent his head down to Jacques for an instant and rubbed his side kindly; then he said, with a tired accent, "It's all right, dog; it's all right!"

Jasper Hume did not sleep well at first that night, but at length oblivion came. He waked to feel Jacques tugging at his blankets. It was noon. Late Carscallen and Cloud-in-the-Sky were still sleeping—inanimate bundles among the dogs. In an hour they were on their way again, and toward sunset they had reached the foot of Manitou Mountain. Abruptly from the plain rose this mighty mound, blue and white upon a black base. A few straggling pines grew near its foot, defying latitude, as the mountain itself defied the calculations of geographers and geologists. A halt was called. Late Carscallen and Cloud-in-the-Sky looked at the chief. His eyes were scanning the mountain closely. Suddenly he paused. Five hundred feet up there is a great round hole in the solid rock, and from this hole there comes a feeble cloud of smoke! Jasper Hume's hand points where his eyes are fixed. The other two see. Cloud-in-the-Sky gives a wild whoop, such a whoop as only an Indian can give, and from the mountain there comes, a moment after, a faint replica of the sound. It is not an echo, for there appears at the mouth of the cave an Indian, who sees them and makes feeble signs for them to come. In a few moments they are at the cave. As Jasper Hume enters, Cloud-in-the-Sky and the stalwart but emaciated Indian who had beckoned to them, speak to each other in the Chinook language, the jargon common to all Indians of the West.

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(Concluded from page five.)

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"I tell you, it's fine!" cried Charley. "Always knew father'd come out on top. Won't have to work any more now, will he? Guess that eclipse of yours is about off, miss!" wagging his head at Madge; "I'm shining now."

"Well, I wouldn't say much about it," returned Madge, witheringly. "Nobody'd ever find it out. Father and mother can do all the shining for this family, I guess, without your help."

But Charley was quite accustomed to Madge's snubs. He merely winked at her cheerfully and rather derisively, and began to whistle. Presently, Madge broke out with an ecstatic "Oh, won't we have the merriest kind of a Christmas? Grandma says we can trim the house up, and have a tree or anything we want, but I think it's more fun to hang up our stockings, don't you? Only, I don't see where we're going to get anything to put into them," she added, doubtfully.

"Pooh! that won't bother me any!" returned Charley. "Mr. Fay has got me a lot more orders for those puzzles, and I'm going at 'em tonight. And, say, Madge, I'll 'divvy' with you on the money."

"Oh, goody, goody!" cried Madge. "Charley, you're a brick, and you can shine all you want to!"

"Takes me for a gold brick," put in Charley, sotto voce. But Madge went on eagerly: "Let's go shopping together, and take Jacky—it'll be no end of fun."

"Bob's flush, too," went on Charley. "That tutoring cruise of his was a soft snap. He's given Nan some, so she'll be all right. We'll have a jolly old Christmas this time, sure!"

"Mary's going," confided Madge. "Grandma says her Betty will need help. And she's going to make the most splendid cake you ever saw, to carry; Mary is. I'm going to help her. But don't you tell—it's a surprise. I only told because you're so good about that money. I haven't had any to spend for ages—seems if I never had!"

"I say," put in Charley slyly, "wouldn't the professor just like to go, too, that's all!" Charley had begun to have suspicions some time ago.

"Well, he can't. He's nice enough, but we don't want any outsiders," returned Madge, and Charley chuckled, "Outsiders, hey? Ask Nan!" and went off, laughing, while Madge followed, vainly teasing to know what he meant by that foolishness.

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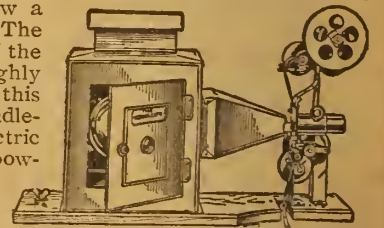
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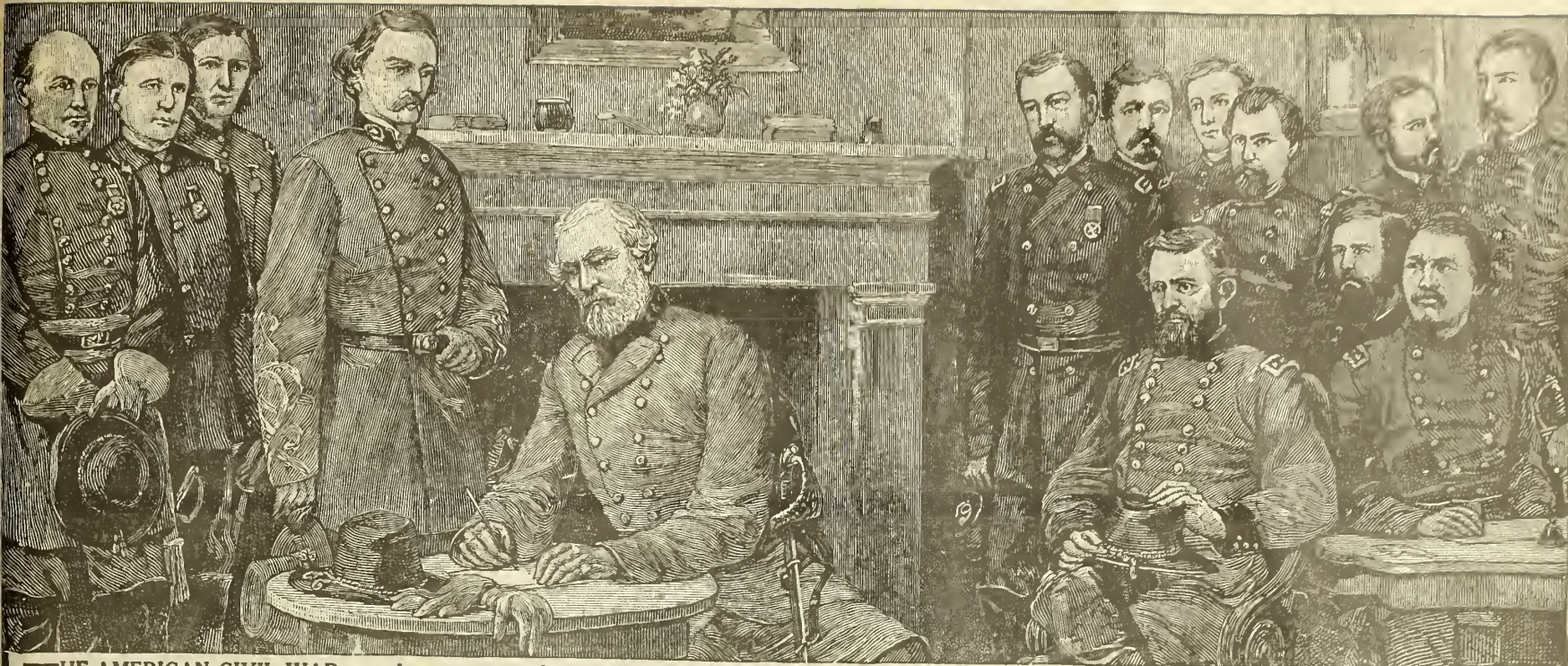
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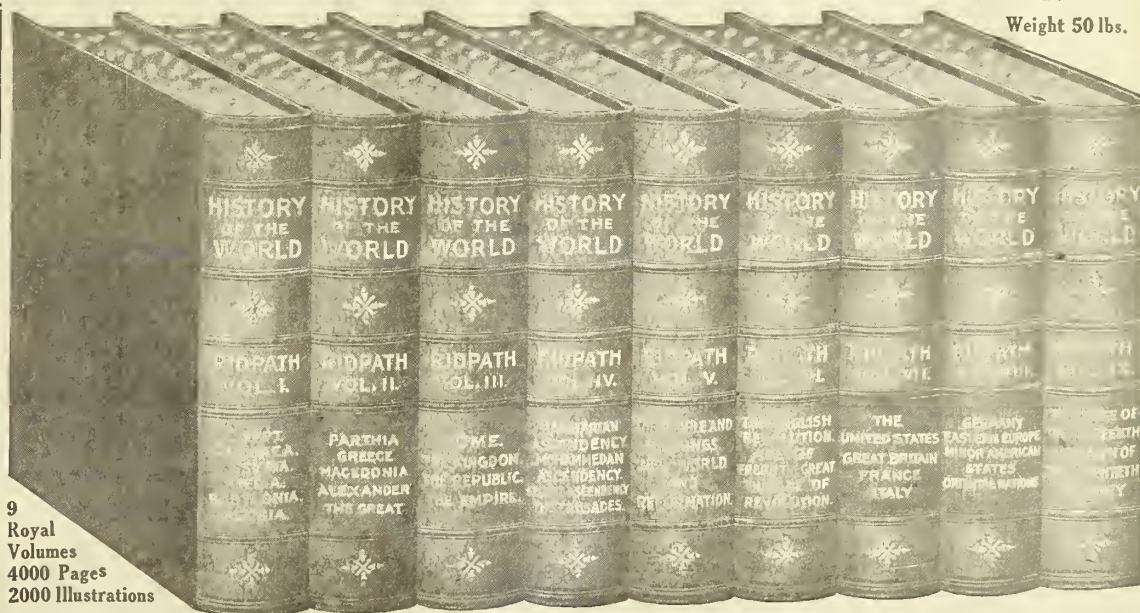
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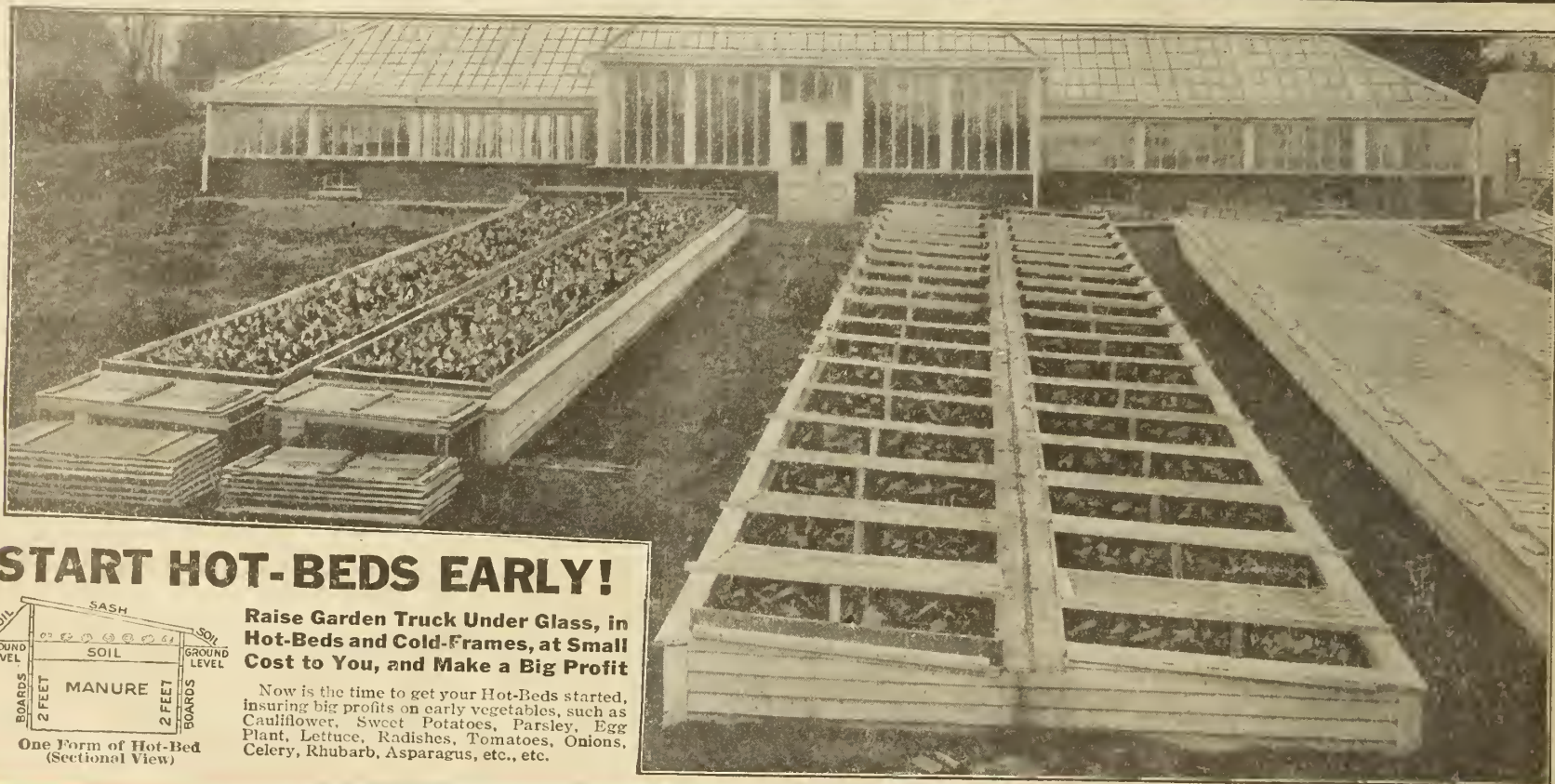


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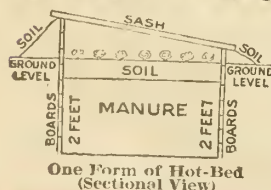
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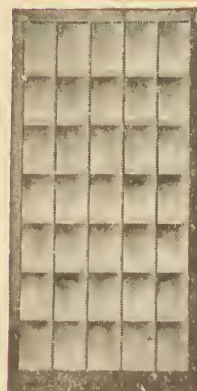
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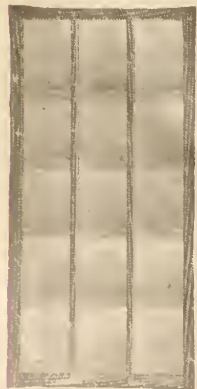
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We manufacture Hot-Bed Sash and equipment in our great Millwork Plant in such enormous quantities that our prices are the lowest in America. Today, Gordon-Van Tine Hot-Bed Sash are admittedly the best on the market. Under the stimulus of our low prices, the use of Hot-Beds has increased tremendously. The large user saves a very considerable sum by buying direct from us—and the man with a little garden patch on a city lot saves in the same proportion when he buys a couple of our Sash.

The use of Hot-Beds extends the growing season throughout the entire year. The owner of a Hot-Bed gets early vegetables long before the non-user, and no investment pays bigger returns in both profit and pleasure.

### Solid Sash that Last

All our Hot-Bed Sash are made of clear, selected Red Cypress. Joints are blind-mortised, double-shouldered, fitted snugly and moisture-proof. No open joints! No chance for moisture to enter and play havoc with the sash! A sash that won't twist, spring in the middle, pull loose, crack the glass or loosen the putty!

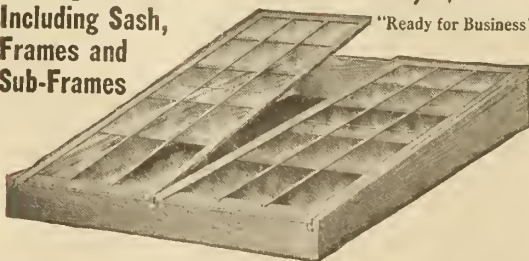
We use plenty of points and the finest quality of Greenhouse Putty. And every Gordon-Van Tine Hot-Bed Sash is primed in pure Raw Linseed Oil. They are as solid and substantial as careful workmanship and best materials can make them. They are the Sash that Last! We sell these high-grade, scientifically constructed Hot-Bed Sash—glazed complete—for less money than retail dealers ask for common open sash.

### Cut Prices on Hot-Bed Sash

Size 3x6 ft., 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ , Glazed 6x10 Glass . . . \$1.69  
Size 3x6 ft., 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ , Glazed 6x10 Glass . . . 2.08  
Size 3x6 ft., 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ , Glazed 10x14 Glass . . . 1.75  
Size 3x6 ft., 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ , Glazed 10x14 Glass . . . 2.14  
Size 3x6 ft., 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ , with Bar, Glazed 10x14 Glass . . . 1.87  
Size 3x6 ft., 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ , with Bar, Glazed 10x14 Glass . . . 2.46  
Glazed with Double Strength Glass, add 20c net to above prices.

### Complete Hot-Bed Outfit, \$11.90

Including Sash, Frames and Sub-Frames



Gordon-Van Tine Hot-Bed Outfits consist of our regular Hot-Bed Sash and complete Frames (for above ground) and Sub-Frames (for the pit). Frames are of Cypress. Each part cut to exact size. Angle Irons with holes punched for screws. Note the low prices:

**Outfit No. 1** 2 glazed Hot-Bed Sash, 3x6 feet, 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ , 6-inch glass; 1 Cypress Frame for 2 Sash; 1 Sub-Frame, \$11.90  
all carefully crated for shipment.  
**Outfit No. 2** 2 glazed Hot-Bed Sash, 3x6 feet, 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ , 1-inch glass; 1 Cypress Frame for 2 Sash; 1 Sub-Frame, \$12.00  
all carefully crated for shipment.  
**Outfit No. 3** 2 glazed Hot-Bed Sash, 3x6 feet, 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ , 10-inch glass, with CENTER BAR; 1 Cypress Frame for 2 Sash; 1 Sub-Frame, all carefully crated for shipment, \$12.25  
For Double Strength Glass, add 40c net to price of each outfit.  
Hot-Bed Frames, \$5.70 each. Sub-Frames, \$4.25 each.

### A Word About Ourselves

We are the Largest Sash, Door, Millwork and Roofing Plant in the world. We sell our enormous output direct to Consumer at Half Regular Prices. We guarantee Quality, Safe Delivery and Satisfaction to every purchaser.

We do a business of over a million dollars a year. Our responsibility is vouched for by three big banks. We refer to any bank in America or to Dun and Bradstreet Commercial Agencies. If goods are not found exactly as represented and absolutely satisfactory, we will refund your money.

Write for our Free Book on "Hot-Beds; Their Uses, Cost and Construction."

If you need Millwork, Lumber, Roofing and other Building Material, check off in the coupon the catalog you wish to see.

### 300% Saving on GLASS!

Quality and Safe Delivery Absolutely Guaranteed

We are the largest dealers in American Window Glass in the United States, and the tremendous volume of our business enables us to buy at almost the actual cost of production. Our prices to the consumer are only a fraction of what retail dealers charge. We buy only from the best equipped glass factories, and our goods are up to the highest standard of quality.

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(Dealers' Price on above size, 15c per light)

Any size and any quantity at equally low prices. Glaziers' Zinc Points, containing  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 4c. Per pound, in bulk, 15c. When envelopes are shipped by mail, add 5c extra for postage. Glaziers' Steel Wheel Glass Cutters, specially selected for glaziers' work. Steel handle, polished and bronzed. If shipped by mail, postage 3c extra each. Price, each, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Price per dozen, 77c.

### Write Today for FREE "Hot-Bed" Book

Explains the secrets of success in the use of Hot-Beds and Cold-Frames. Gives money-making suggestions on raising Vegetables, Flowers, etc. How to Prepare and Care for Hot-Beds. Where to Locate Them. How to Make Cold-Frames. Brimful of helps and hints. Free for the asking. Write at once.

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